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School Budget Ups Student Spending Cross Country Skier

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The first School Committee 1988-89 budget meeting took place at the Junior High School faculty cafeteria, Tuesday, February 9th. A message from Superintendent James V. Bruno's office was included with the budget package submitted to the School Committee.

In part, the two-page memo stated, "recent figures (1985-86) indicate that Agawam students are receiving \$936 less per student than the average per student cost in the state... Most distressing is the fact that in spite of budget increases and State's EEOG monies (\$636,000 in school year 1987-88), the school system fell further behind the state average."

"This budget contains money to continue the necessary grade re-alignment. (This refers to the major redistricting three-year plan of our Agawam School System to relieve overcrowding at our elementary schools that began in 1987-88.)"

"As we continue our goal of computer education, kindergarten to 12, allowances have been made for four additional computers for each of our elementary schools."

"We hope that Town Manager Reid Charles and the Agawam Town Council will allocate the necessary funds to continue our effort of providing quality education for the students of Agawam."

As always, the budget deliberations are held at open meetings and the public is welcome to attend. The second budget meeting was held on February 23rd at 8:00 p.m., following a regularly scheduled School Committee meeting. If you are interested in attending budget deliberations, you may contact your School

Committee members for future dates.

Assistant Superintendent Donald Charest told us, "Copies of the budget will be supplied to anyone who attends budget meetings, and it is all public record." He also asked that citizens who attend budget deliberations, "please keep in mind that any votes or decisions that the School Committee makes at this point are tentative approvals because they can't take a formal vote on the School Budget until they have a public hearing (usually set in March or April). I would like to see more parents participate at the public hearing, and we welcome any questions regarding the budget."

According to Charest, "The School Committee has received the budget requests from our office with zero changes this year." Simply put, this means that administration did not recommend budget cuts in any areas specified in the breakdown of line items by State function submitted to the School Committee. This action clearly reinforces the desire expressed in the Superintendent's message to the School Committee to "reverse the trend of our school system to fall further behind the state average of per student spending."

At press deadline, the School Committee had voted tentative approval on each budget item discussed during the February 9th meeting. These included Business Functions, Superintendent's Office, School Committee, Undistributed, Utilities, and Transportation.

The 1987-88 School Budget was \$10,801,907. The present 1988-89 budget requests total \$12,392,551, an increase over last year's budget of 14.7 percent.



ALLEN MACHIA of Feeding Hills enjoys cross country skiing at Cedar Brook Farms in West Suffield (Related story, photo in Sports Section). Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

Crystal On Display At Women's Club Meeting



AGAWAM WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERS Cindy Saboukin, Donna DeChristopher, and Karen Douglass (president) review the impressive display of crystal brought to the meeting by club members, Monday, February 22nd, at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Please Meet CARLO Imelio

Popular *Springfield Union News* and *Sunday Republican* sportswriter Carlo Imelio, a former Agawam resident, will be on hand to greet townsfolk who attend this Sunday's (Feb. 28th) Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Stadium Lights Asso., at the Middle School. Carlo will be on hand from 9:00 a.m. to noontime, and he will be armed with some "Beat Carlo" t-shirts. Please see related display ad on Page 37.



Editorial

Academic Group Positive Step At Agawam High!

We were pleased to hear of the successful meetings at Agawam High School which launched a parent-teacher-student advocate group at the Agawam High School. That 45-50 concerned people showed-up to put their heads together to see what type of organization can be formed to give support to the high school is a reassuring sign.

Even if this group has only modest goals for this current school year, any time a group of concerned citizens can gather for the purpose of positively improving the high school, it's a major step forward.

These are busy times when there never seems to be enough time. Yet how can we measure the value of the high school in a ONE high school community?

Young adults in a ONE high school community bear the responsibility of having a huge influence over the children in the lower grades. In fact, these high schoolers were ONCE those small children who are now the by-products of the elementary, middle, and junior high levels.

We also maintain that adults in a ONE high school community have their own special responsibility in this. A thing that affects all children affects everything of consequence.

We, as a community, are fortunate to have an excellent high school. Not a good high school, but an EXCELLENT ONE.

Listen to the music it produces. Talk to anyone who works with them or of the scholarship of which they are capable; read their publications; consider the athletic spirit.

We understand that no one at the first meeting of this group on February 9th could remember there ever being such a parent-teacher-student group (like a PTO) at the high school before. We were told that someone at that first meeting asked, "Why now? What caused it to happen this school year?"

We think that to be a perceptive inquiry. Why now, indeed? We would guess the answer has something to do with the good things that are happening at the high school, and the recognition that these are not the easiest of times.

The students can be proud of the school. Those who have had a hand in teaching them can be justifiably proud of their accomplishments, not to mention the pride felt in the community (although sometimes this pride is silent) that produced them.

We know the high school is not perfect. As we stated earlier, these are not the easiest of times. Undoubtedly, there are areas that need attention and constructive effort. It seems what matter most is not the degree of perfection achieved or not achieved, but that any effort that can be made to support or increase the academic integrity of the high school is welcome because the stakes are so high.

How can we measure the value of a good education? As the garden needs tending, the educational institution needs caring support.

We acknowledge the wisdom of the sentiment in the saying, "If you think education is expensive, consider the costs of ignorance."

On Local Politics...

Timing Of Charles' Pay Raises Looks More Like "SweetHeart Deal"

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Staff

Last year members of Town Council accepted a pay plan package established by Town Manager Reid S. Charles overhauling the ways and means members of the administration division are paid.

Each administrator fits within a certain tier and there are five step raises within each tier.

The ordinance creates a 3½ percent overall increase in salaries, retroactive to January 1st, and will give administrators another 3 percent increase effective July 1st. Councilors passed this portion of the pay scale this past January 19th.

In addition this pay plan includes a provision giving Charles the authority to reward deserving employees by raising them to a different step, thereby giving them additional money.

It must be noted that when the council passed this administrative pay package last year (after much haggling), Charles was shed in a much better light than he is today concerning his own job performance.

The fact also remains that when Charles' pay plan was passed, he faced relatively few problems with the town's labor unions concerning contracts. Today, however, that has changed - dramatically.

Charles has concluded fairly long and bitter labor disputes with some unions, while others, including the Fire Department, still remain unresolved. Charles has been blamed both on the council floor and in public for these labor disputes. It's been said repeatedly about Charles that his hands-off approach to the labor negotiations caused the strife, and only when he began to come under fire from members of the council did he personally involve himself.

Recently, much to the dismay of some of the unions, including the firemen, Charles saw fit to invoke the provision of his pay plan that allows him to automatically move administrators up the municipal pay ladder. In several cases, some department heads and administrators were moved up two steps and in essence, received double pay raises.

According to the way Charles presented the pay plan, those who will be moved up to different levels (tiers) and steps are those who have job performances that justify this.

I have no idea what Charles used as a scale to justify providing some administrators with double raises (moved up two steps), while others were moved up one step. When the pay plan was executed last year, how did Charles justify giving some of these same administrators who recently received double raises very generous raises back then as well, while other administrators received token raises?

There are those out there, including some members of the council, who have their own subjective ideas about the hows and whys these raises were given (and who received them and who didn't).

But Town Councilor Edward G. Borgatti, who has been a strong critic of the Charles administration's handling of the entire spectre of labor negotiations, told us, "Charles gave-out double pay raises to certain department heads that within the last six months have already received substantial raises.

"In addition, effective January 1st, and retroactive to that date, they will be received another 3½ percent increase, and this July administrators will get another 3 percent. That means that Charles has given some of his administrators between \$2,000 and \$7,000 since last July."

Borgatti noted that in his mind, Charles is seen by the town labor unions as being extravagant with his administrators while telling the underlings they must

bite the bullet. "I don't think his timing of giving double pay raises in light of everything that's gone on was very smart," said Borgatti.

Borgatti further stated, "The sad part of all this is that Charles cannot see fit to give good raises to people making only \$10,000 to \$12,000 annually. These people in most cases have been working hard for the town and all they are getting is a salary which is below poverty level."

Borgatti concluded with this statement, "As one of the councilors who voted for the pay plan, I did not anticipate that Charles would arbitrarily hand-out double pay raises to a chosen few within such a short period of time."

There were other councilors I talked to this week who were equally upset over this, but Borgatti was by far the most frank when speaking publicly.

I remember another situation last spring that parallels Borgatti's statements about what councilors thought they were voting for. Remember when Charles contracted with a private consulting firm to assume responsibility for the town's Planning Department while its director was on maternity leave?

Virtually all councilors I talked to last May believed that this private firm was assuming the Planning Department's chores on a full-time basis at the same expense.

Instead, I discovered and soon after printed in this space that in fact, this private firm, located in Amherst, was running an important department only 10-12 hours per week, at a greater expense. I called this a "Sweetheart Deal" at that time. When councilors read about the deal in this space and were queried about it, Charles was in some hot water.

Later, the council voted to not approve funding for this "Sweetheart Deal," and a red-faced Charles was now responsible for running the Planning Department until the maternity leave was over.

A strong factor involved in Charles drafting his administrative pay plan a year ago was that these individuals were seriously considering employing a union of their own. By establishing such a pay plan that was equitable and fair to all, the administrators would have a pay scale in front of them that was professional and give them incentives for better job performance, said Charles.

Charles also made the dubious statement that his pay plan, when executed, would somehow improve the job performance of those department heads who were not doing their jobs.

Has the council again been sold a "Sweetheart Deal?"

An interesting aspect of all this is the fact that Charles presently makes a bit over \$52,000 per year. With the raises being passed out, department heads are inching closer and closer to that figure (or at least some will). Does that mean that Charles or some of his supporters will want more money for the manager to create a larger differential between his position and that of his administrators?

Unfortunately for Charles, however, the reality remains that he's dealing with a council that is no where near extending the same generosity to him that he's extending to some of his department heads. Also, I rather think this council won't be impressed when someone tries to make the argument that the top department head's pay is getting too close to Charles' salary (therefore, Charles deserves a raise).

When the council overwhelmingly failed to accept a pay raise for Charles last month, DIDN'T HE GET THE MESSAGE???



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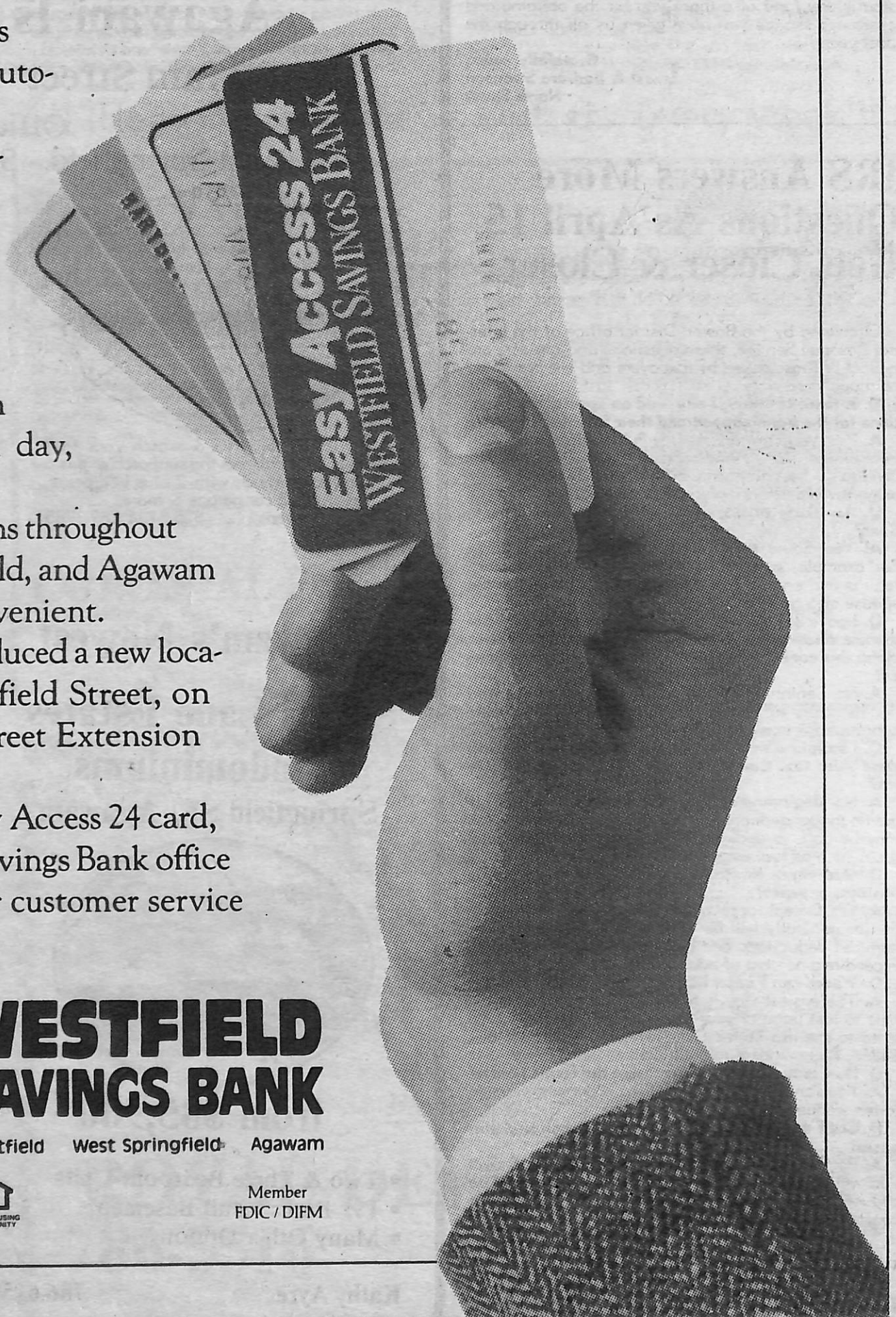
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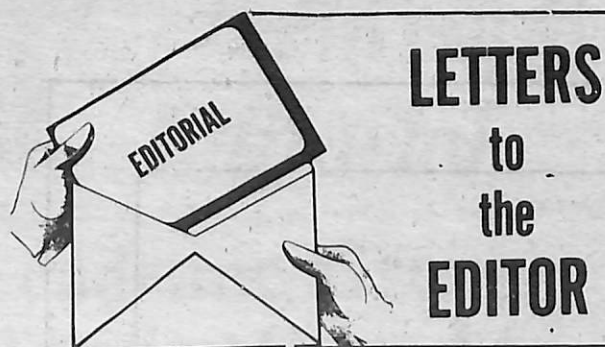
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Note Of Appreciation To A Feeding Hills Letter Carrier

To The Editor:

Most of us accept our mail deliveries with hardly a passing thought. We are glad to receive letters from loved family members and friends, and are happy to pick up our monthly pension checks. Daily trips to the mailbox are part of our normal routine.

On Friday, February 12th, our Feeding Hills mail carrier had to cope with a 12-inch snowstorm which was a record fall for this winter season. Many of the side streets had not yet been plowed and the mailboxes on the main roads were piled high with heavy ridges of ice and snow.

The snow was falling heavily when Harry Bregonzio of the Feeding Hills Post Office struggled to reach our mailbox. He came later than usual, causing us to wonder if any mail could possibly be delivered in this bad storm. We were glad to receive our mail, which included Valentine greetings from a dear son and his family who live in Ridgewood, New Jersey.

We thank you, Harry, for our mail delivery on that stormy day, and also thank-you for the obliging and courteous service you have given us all through the past years.

Gratefully yours,
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IRS Answers More Questions As April 15 Gets Closer & Closer

Circulated by the Boston District office of the Internal Revenue Service, these questions and answers are typical of those asked by taxpayers and are presented as a public service.

Q. Is there anything I can read on special tax situations for the handicapped and their families?

A. Yes, you can request free Publication 907, "Tax Information for Handicapped and Disabled Individuals," by calling the IRS, 1-800-424-3676, or by using the order form in your tax package.

Q. Are there taxpayers who must itemize deductions?

A. Yes. Some taxpayers must itemize deductions. For example, when married taxpayers file separate returns and one spouse itemizes deductions, then the spouse also must itemize.

Q. I gave \$500 to my church. Even though I did not itemize when I filed my return last year, I was able to claim this contribution on my return. Is this still allowed?

A. No. Beginning in 1987, the provision that allowed non-itemizers to deduct a portion of their charitable contributions has been eliminated.

Q. I bought a new car this year. I paid over \$700 in state sales tax. Can I claim a deduction for the sales tax?

A. No. Beginning in 1987, state and local sales tax are no longer deductible. However, if you itemize, you may be able to deduct certain other state and local taxes such as real estate and personal property taxes.

Q. Are there limitations on deducting employee business expense?

A. Yes. Except for reimbursed expenses, business expenses generally will be deductible as miscellaneous itemized deductions and only to the extent that they exceed two percent of adjusted gross income.

Q. Where can I order IRS forms and publications?

A. The easiest way is to use the order form on the next to last page of your tax package. You may also write to the IRS Forms Distribution Center, P.O. Box 25866, Richmond, Virginia 23260.

Q. How long will it take to receive the forms I order?

A. You can expect to receive your order within seven to ten working days.

Q. Can I deduct travel expenses for educational purposes?

A. Beginning in tax year 1987, generally, no deduction will be allowed for costs of travel that would be deductible only on the grounds that the travel itself constitutes a form of education.

Bondi's Island Balloon Launch Feb. 27th

Advocates for a Safe Environment (ASE) is sponsoring a toxic prevention balloon launch in protest of the Fluor Vicon trash burning incinerator located on Bondi's Island in Agawam. The facility is scheduled to begin operating this summer.

The balloon event will be held Saturday, February 27th, at 10:00 a.m. Concerned residents of local communities will gather at Riverfront Park on Columbus Avenue, Springfield. They will drive in procession to the Bondi's Island public boat ramp in Agawam, where approximately 300 balloons will be released.

According to Deborah Pavlica of Agawam, a spokeswoman for ASE, "This event is being held to show our continued unwillingness to accept such a facility in our community. It is economically unsound to use mass burn incineration as the solution to our trash crisis. The typical scenario is one in which local communities contract to provide a certain tonnage of waste to the plant."

"The incinerator owners can raise tipping fees to

cover maintenance costs and the expenses of meeting stricter environmental regulations. Communities are trapped into paying higher fees for trash delivery because they have no alternative means of solid waste disposal. This is currently being seen in the Hartford area where a trash-to-energy facility has increased dumping fees to participating towns by 75 percent and the plant is still in the developmental stages.

"Recycling, on the other hand, is a safe, inexpensive, low-tech means of waste handling. We strongly encourage more participation in recycling projects throughout our local area," added Mrs. Pavlica.

Charlie Spencer, coordinator of the balloon event, states, "Incineration is not only threatening, it is wasteful. We have a moral responsibility to ourselves, future generations and our Creator to uphold the sanctity of life. If it is within our means to prevent any threat to the public health and quality of life, we must do so above all costs."



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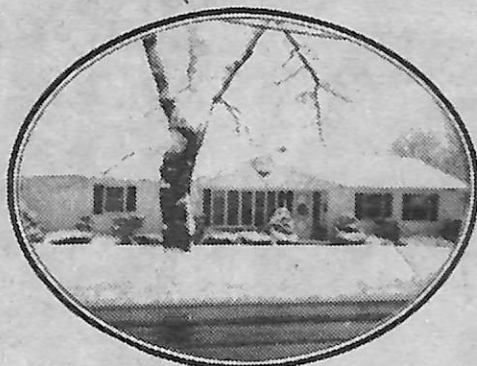
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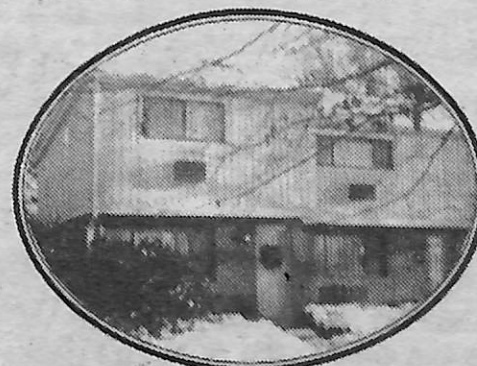


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Agawam Obituaries

Jameson M. Christy

Jameson M. Christy, infant son of Mark & Vanessa (Jones) Christy of 131 Moore Street, Agawam, died in Baystate Medical Center, Wesson Unit.

He leaves two brothers, Travis and Nathan, both at home; his maternal grandparents, Elwin & Dawn Jones of Ludlow, Vermont; paternal grandparents, James & Carol (Dunn) Christy of Feeding Hills, and great-grandparents, Eva & Martin Dunn of Agawam.

There was a private graveside service in St. Rose Cemetery, Chicopee. St. Pierre Aldenville Funeral Home was in charge.

Lila C. Gordon

Lila C. (Reed) Gordon, 87, of Albert Street, Agawam, a retired assembler for the former Gilbert & Barker Manufacturing Company, West Springfield, died in a Connecticut nursing home.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Greenfield for many years before moving to Agawam in 1961. She was a member of First Baptist Church and a life member of American Legion Post 185 Auxiliary. Her husband, John R. Gordon, died in 1961.

She leaves a brother, Harold S. Wright, and a sister, S. Eleanor Wright, both of Agawam.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Funeral Home with burial in Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church memorial fund, 760 Main Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.

Fred T. Pajer

Fred T. Pajer, 79, of 100 Edgewater Road, Agawam, who with his sons owned Pajer's Superette in Agawam for 30 years, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

He previously owned Pajer Brothers Market on Columbus Avenue, Springfield, for 21 years.

Born in Pineyford, Ohio, he moved to Venice, Italy, in 1914 and returned to Springfield in 1931. He moved to Agawam in 1958.

He was a past president of the Italian Sporting Club of Agawam and the Italian Athletic Club of Springfield. He was a bocce player with the Italian Sporting Club. He served in the Italian Army during the 1920s.

He leaves his wife of 53 years, Elisa Bertera; two sons, Richard F. and Alfred P., both of Agawam; three daughters, Joan DeMarco of Suffield, Dianna Houlihan of Feeding Hills, and Linda Pajer at home, and nine grandchildren.

The funeral was at Tazzini Funeral Home and in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, all in Springfield.

Timothy M. Reilly

Timothy Michael Reilly, infant son of Brendan D. & Anita (Beaudry) Reilly of 187 Clover Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, died in Baystate Medical Center, Wesson Women's Unit, Springfield.

Besides his parents, he leaves a brother, Colin, at home; his paternal grandparents, Charles & Helen (Buckley) Reilly of Springfield; his maternal grandparents, Willard & Maria (Leal) Beaudry of Florida, and his great-grandmothers, Ettabelle Beaudry and Anna Leal, both of Springfield.

A graveside service was in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield. T.P. Sampson Company Chapel of the Acres, Springfield, was in charge.

Town Appoints New Dog Officer

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Staff

Agawam resident Robert Burke was appointed the town's new dog officer this past Monday by Town Manager Reid S. Charles. The appointment came after the Dog Control Committee's search to fill the position that was made vacant when dog officer Santos DeSpirt died.

Burke's appointment is a 90-day provisional appointment that will allow both the town and Burke to review the situation following that time period. The position will pay \$19,900. Burke will start at Step I of his tier in the town administration's pay plan.

According to Dog Control Committee Chairman Daniel J. Lacienski, 10 applicants were interviewed for the post, Wednesday, February 17th. Lacienski said the committee narrowed the number of candidates to four. Lacienski told us, "Burke was chosen because of his common sense approach to the job. I feel he will be good for the town."

Burke told the committee he feels public education and mediating problems that occur to equitable solutions would be among his priorities. Burke also would like to review the number of licensed dogs presently in Agawam. By using the town census, Burke said, he hopes to cross reference that information and then determine the number of dogs presently not licensed as well.

Although Burke has not had any prior experience working with dog control, he has a wealth of managerial experience, according to Lacienski. "This is another one of Mr. Burke's assets," Lacienski said.

Lacienski noted that Burke will be seeking training at the Springfield MSPCA for training in animal handling

and canine triage. He will also work with the enforcement officer at the MSPCA to become familiar with that aspect of dog control.

Since DeSpirt's death, the town has not had a kennel to house dogs in. DeSpirt's kennels are located in Southwick. As an interim solution, stray animals are being taken to the MSPCA in Springfield.

The Dog Control Committee has been addressing this problem, said Lacienski, and the committee hopes to establish a location to keep the animals as soon as possible. Kennels in both Southwick and in Suffield have been proposed and are presently being reviewed, he said.

Several weeks ago Charles addressed the committee about dog control in town, noting, "I am turning to you to come up with the best recommendation and we will go with it."

Committee member William Ekstedt asked Charles about the monetary constraints on the dog control program in town. Charles responded, "If the proposal makes sense and it is feasible, it can be presented to the Town Council."

Charles told the committee the fundamental concern for the Dog Control Committee is to formulate a strategy in dog control to be employed in the town. "Beyond that," he said, "what will serve the town best - the county program or contracting with kennels."

While Charles has made few other public comments about dog control here, he did visit the Hampden County dog pound this past Monday afternoon.

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Included are two practice sessions, one in nightfire, a revolver qualification, and a shotgun qualification. The shotgun course requirement is the first of its kind in the state and was initiated by **Sergeant Donald Loncto**, armorer and firearms instructor for the department all of the last 13 years. Sergeant Loncto is a 15-year member of the Police Department and a 1975 graduate of the criminal justice program at Springfield Technical Community College.

He serves as shift commander, alternating on two different evening shifts, and is responsible for all firearms training for regular members of the department, as well as reserve and intermittent officers. In addition to his department responsibilities, he serves as firearms instructor for all police recruits trained at the Connelly Criminal Justice Training Center, Feeding Hills.

He also teaches civil liability and use of force at the police academy. Certification of police officers as instructors in their own departments is one more of his duties at the academy.

Sergeant Loncto is currently president of the Agawam Revolver Club where he has personally witnessed the membership grow from 140 members when he started, to well over 500 members presently. For his efforts at the helm, he has twice been awarded the National Rifle Association's "President's Achievement Award" for superior leadership and accomplishment. In 1987, he was awarded the N.R.A. bronze plaque for his promotion of safety-training.

Some of his duties relating to the revolver club include civilian instructor, Mass Hunter Safety, and instructor in N.R.A. Basic Pistol Marksmanship and Safety. The members of the Agawam Revolver Club all realize they owe the success of the organization to Sergeant Loncto.

The firearms-training program for the Agawam Police Department is the best in the state and very possibly the entire northeast. Sergeant Loncto's dedication and commitment to excellence have made him a major influence in the field. His efforts are greatly appreciated, and he is another reason why today's police officer is better trained and consequently, more prepared to protect and serve the public.

Agawam Police Arrest 16; Get 273 Calls

Agawam Crime Prevention Officer Wayne Macey today released the crime statistics for week ending Sunday, Feb. 21st. The stats included 273 calls answered and 16 arrests.

Other stats included one assault and battery, four breaking and entering, 16 arrests, 12 larcenies, nine malicious damage, 16 nuisance persons, 32 suspicious activity, 22 alarms (all false), 23 property damage calls due to accidents, four Fire Department assists, and 15 ambulance assists.

Also, eight citizen assists, nine disturbances, 19 disabled motor vehicles, five missing persons (four returned), 11 civil disturbances, and 61 miscellaneous calls.

On February 15th, **David Scavato**, 38 Thomas Street, Ludlow, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and operating after suspension. Arresting officer was Robert Marsh.

On February 15th, **Stephen Presz**, 246 Feeding Hills Road, Southwick, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Sergeant Donald Loncto and Donald Gallerani.

On February 16th, **Edgardo Martinez**, 81 Girard Avenue, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and Donald Gallerani.

On February 17th, **Jeffrey K. Grant**, 220 North West Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Walter Lettelier, Steven Draghetti, and Charlene Bushey.

On February 17th, **Thomas G. Tsohonis**, 12 Mattoon Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Ar-

resting officers were Detective Alan Collins and Keith Bopko.

On February 17th, **Miguel A. Gonzalez**, 54 Westchester Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with reckless operation of a motor vehicle and refusing to stop for a uniformed police officer. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and Richard Light, Jr.

On February 19th, **Donna M. Ellis**, 654 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and Gary O'Brien.

On February 20th, **Debra L. Ellis**, 1033 Liberty Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and Gary O'Brien.

On February 20th, **Thomas P. Sullivan**, 1173 Liberty Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Joseph Edwards and Donald Gallerani.

On February 21st, **Brian J. O'Sullivan**, 33 Tower Terrace, Agawam, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering in the nighttime and assault and battery on a police officer. Arresting officers were Detective Stanley Chmielewski, Jr. and Walter Zymroz.

On February 21st, **James Albert Desautels**, 9 Summer Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving without a license. Arresting officers were Peter Bertera and Richard Conlon.

On February 21st, **Isaiah Bynes**, 248 Broadway Street, Lawrence, Massachusetts, was arrested and charged with shoplifting and assault and battery. Arresting officers were Ben Moore and Gary O'Brien.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138, that Valenti's Restaurant, Inc., Joseph Valenti, Manager, 1 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA has applied for a license to sell alcoholic beverages of the following kind: Annual Wines & Malts Beverage License as a Common Victualer. Building consisting of: 1 kitchen area, 1 dining area, 1 exit back and front, 2 restrooms. Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, March 8, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Administration Building, Clerks Conference Room, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION

Joseph P. Dahdah, Chairman
John J. Chriscola, Jr.
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Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138, that Leonidas Pananas, d/b/a Parthenon Restaurant III, 835 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA has applied for license to sell alcoholic beverages of the following kind: Annual Wines & Malts Beverage License as Common Victualer. Building consisting of: 1,200 sq. ft., 1 main entrance and exit located in front, 1 service entrance and exit in rear, dining area. Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, March 8, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Administration Building, Clerks Conference Room, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

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Municipal Events

GRAND NATIONAL AUTO

Monday, March 7th
Town Council Meeting
Public Library
8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 8th
School Committee Meeting
Junior High School
7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 8th
Liquor Licensing Commission
Clerk's Conference Room
7:30 P.M.

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Atty. Alan Ferrigno Named To Panel Of Arbitration

Robert Coulson, president of the American Arbitration Association, with offices at 230 Congress Street, Boston, recently announced the appointment of Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno of 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, to the Panel of Arbitrators for the American Arbitration Association.

The Boston office of the American Arbitration Association handles over 6,000 cases annually. A panel member impartially sits as an arbitrator to hear the facts and render a decision in cases brought before the American Arbitration Association.

Attorney Ferrigno is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Hampden County Bar Association, and has been practicing law in Massachusetts since 1976.

Attorney Ferrigno is a Southwick resident.

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, on THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of THE ROSENTHAL GROUP, LTD. and GENESIS HEALTH VENTURES OF AGAWAM, LTD. who are seeking relief from Section 20- Paragraph 44 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the construction of a 128 Unit Congregate Housing Facility on the premises identified as 464 MAIN STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138, that W&W Enterprise, Inc., d/b/a DaVinci's Restaurant, Betty Tsu, Manager has applied for Transfer of Ownership of Common Vic-tualer as a Commercial Club, All Kinds of Alcoholic Beverages License to K & M, Inc., d/b/a Alexander's, Michael A. Kozak, Manager, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. Building consisting of restaurant, lounge and banquet facility, foyer and storage area, kitchen excluding the hallway to the racquetball courts. Public Hearing to be held Tues., March 8, 1988, 8:30 p.m. in the Town Administration Building, Clerks Conference Room, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

Joseph P. Dahdah, Chairman
John J. Chriscola, Jr.
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LEGAL NOTICE
The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 9, 1988 at 8:00 P.M. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on a Class II Dealer License for Riverside Motor Car Co., 1688 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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If you ever find yourself in a burning building, get down close to the floor and exit as quickly as you can. Those same poison gases found in smoke that your smoke detector will warn you about tend to hover near the ceiling, sometimes coming halfway or more down toward the floor. Even if you can't see or smell smoke, the gases can be there just the same.

Have you ever noticed that firefighters wear breathing equipment similar to that worn by underwater divers? Those air tanks are heavy and awkward and the face masks are uncomfortable, so you know they don't wear them without good reason. Firefighters know that smoke and gas in a fire are many times more likely to kill than the flames themselves. Many fire vic-

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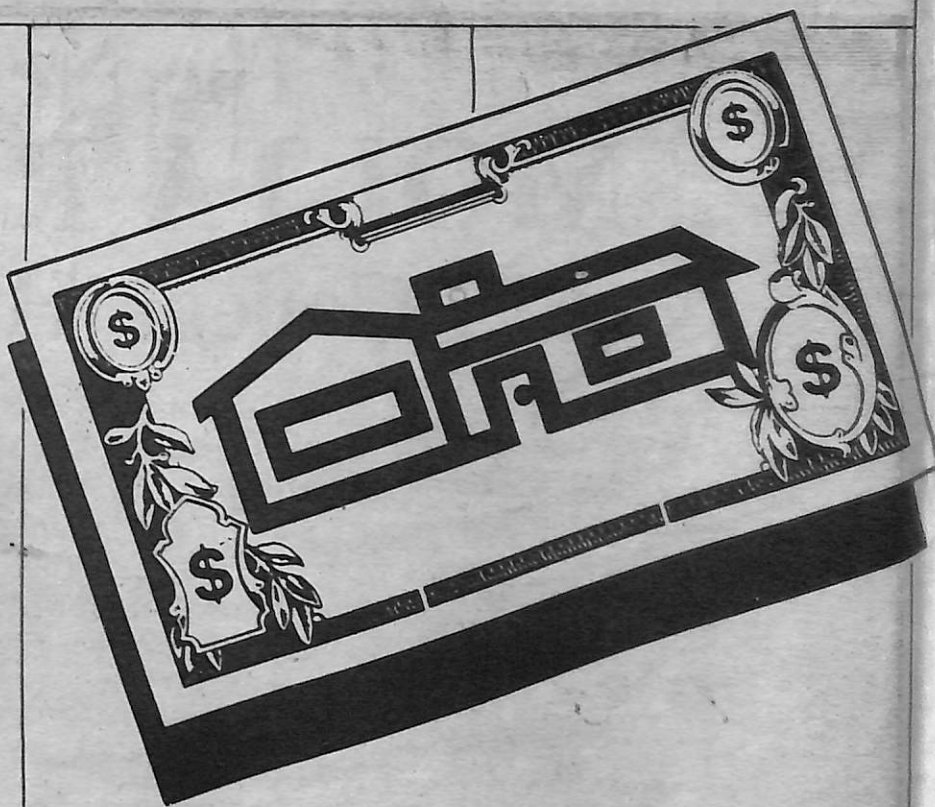
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Rhonda M. Martineau To Wed Allen C. Clermont

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Martineau of 53 Parkview Drive, Feeding Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rhonda Marie, to Allen Charles Clermont of Worcester, son of Dr. & Mrs. Harvey Clermont of 37 Knollwood Drive, Shrewsbury.

Miss Martineau graduated in 1982 from Agawam High School and in 1984 from Becker Jr. College, Worcester. She is to graduate in June from Greenfield Community College with an associate degree in nursing. She is a nursing assistant at Baystate Medical Center.

Mr. Clermont graduated in 1981 from St. John's High School in Shrewsbury and in 1985 from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He is to graduate in June from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a master's degree in bio-medical engineering.

A November wedding in Feeding Hills is planned.

Nocturnal Adoration Society Sets Service March 4th

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Greater Springfield will gather in Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, to conduct and pray The Office of The Blessed Sacrament, Friday, March 4th, from 9:00 p.m., through Saturday morning, March 5th, at 6:00 a.m.

Father David J. Joyce opens the event with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Members will recite both evening and morning prayers, in private and public, closing with Benediction at 6:00 a.m.

Assisting Father Joyce is Thomas Murray, chairman of Sacred Heart Church membership, and Alfred L. Mutti, group leader.

Membership is open to all men & women to provide a human response to Christ's very human plea for comfort and support in the night of His agony in Gethesame, "Watch with me..."; to make its members witnesses of the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament; and instruments of special graces and presence to give adoration and reparation to God the Father.

Prospective members may contact Thomas Murray, Richard Smus, members, and your pastors.



KAREN M. KRANZ

Karen M. Kranz Engaged To George D. Parker Of Agawam

Miss Karen May Kranz of 77 Sheri Lane, Agawam, daughter of Joanna & Gerald L. Kranz of Enfield, Connecticut, is engaged to George Dale Parker of Agawam, son of Mr. & Mrs. William Levakis, Sr., of Hampden.

Miss Kranz, a graduate of Enrico Fermi High School, Enfield, Connecticut, is employed as a window clerk for the U.S. Postal Service, Feeding Hills.

Mr. Parker, a graduate of Tantasqua Regional High School, Sturbridge, is employed as a mail handler by the U.S. Postal Service at the Bulk Mail Center, Springfield.

An April wedding is planned.

Operation Friendship Sponsors Roast Beef Supper

Operation Friendship Chapter of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, a non-profit cultural exchange program, is having its Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, March 12, 1988, with continuous servings from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

The menu includes juice, tossed salad, roast beef, mashed potato, gravy, vegetable, rolls & butter, beverage and dessert. Donation is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, and children under 5 free.

A bake sale will be held in conjunction with the supper. Proceeds from the supper will be used toward scholarships for young people traveling overseas this summer.

Reservations can be made by call Mrs. Betty Kopy at 732-3888, Mrs. Lois Granger at 569-5884, or Mrs. Kathy Rose at 786-0195.

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Hazel Hansen Celebrates 85th



TAKE FIVE RESTAURANT was the location for an 85th birthday party given by John & Barbara Cassidy in honor of HAZEL HANSEN. A former Agawam resident, Mrs. Hansen now resides in East Longmeadow. Mrs. Hansen is the mother of Neil, Naida Johnson, and Barbara Cassidy; grandmother of 18; and great grandmother of 13. All gathered to have a wonderful time.

Sons of Norway To Meet Feb. 26

Sons of Norway, Neptune Lodge 552 will hold its next meeting on Friday, February 26 at 8 p.m., at the Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield St., West Springfield, MA (Route 20). All persons of Scandinavian descent or persuasion or interested in Norwegian culture are welcome. This month is everybody's birthday so please bring an inexpensive gift marked for a man or a woman. For further information please call Mrs. Jean Cook, telephone 562-1338.

Trading Post Slates Sale At First Baptist Church

A "Twenty PerCent OFF" sale will be held Wednesday, March 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, corner of Main & Elm Street, Agawam.

Sale includes a good selection of winter clothes for the whole family. For the ladies, we do have in stock petites, juniors, average, and large sizes, a men's department, and a children's room with many markdowns, plus an added 20 percent for our sale.

A special for March 2nd only, a \$3 bag sale, in our back room only.

The Trading Post also has small household items, children's games, paperbacks, records, etc.

The Trading Post is a consignment shop open on Wednesdays through the school year. The shop is operated with the volunteer workers of the First Baptist Church.

Daughters Of Isabella Set Next Meeting March 2nd

Loyalty Circle 356, Daughters of Isabella will have Diane Theobald of the West Springfield Open Pantry as guest speaker, Wednesday, March 2nd, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Park Avenue, West Springfield. Members are asked to bring canned goods or other non-perishable goods for the Open Pantry.

Regent Grace Hughes will preside over a business meeting at 7:30 p.m. Members are asked to bring items for a White Elephant Table.

The committee consists of Edna Sheridan, Grace Hughes, Janice Couture, and Leza Petelle.

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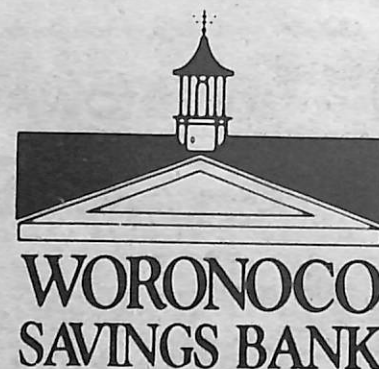
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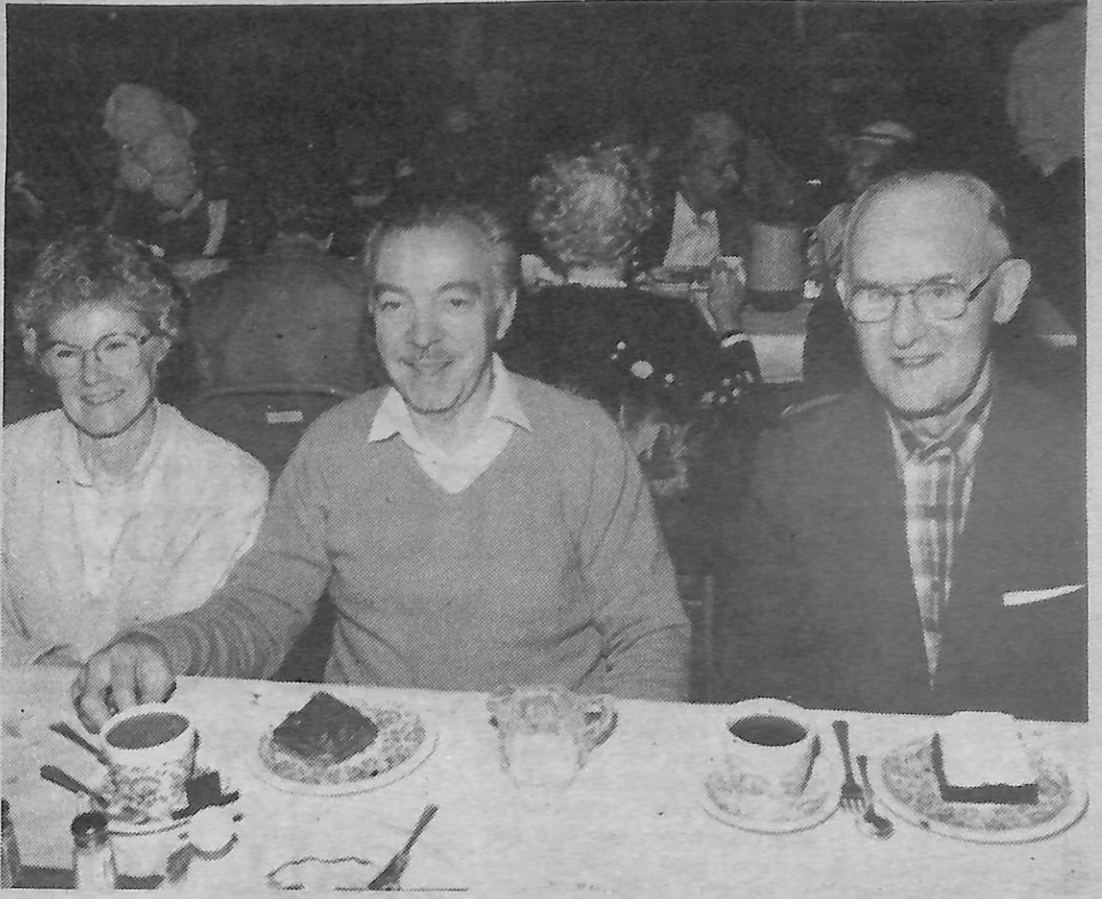
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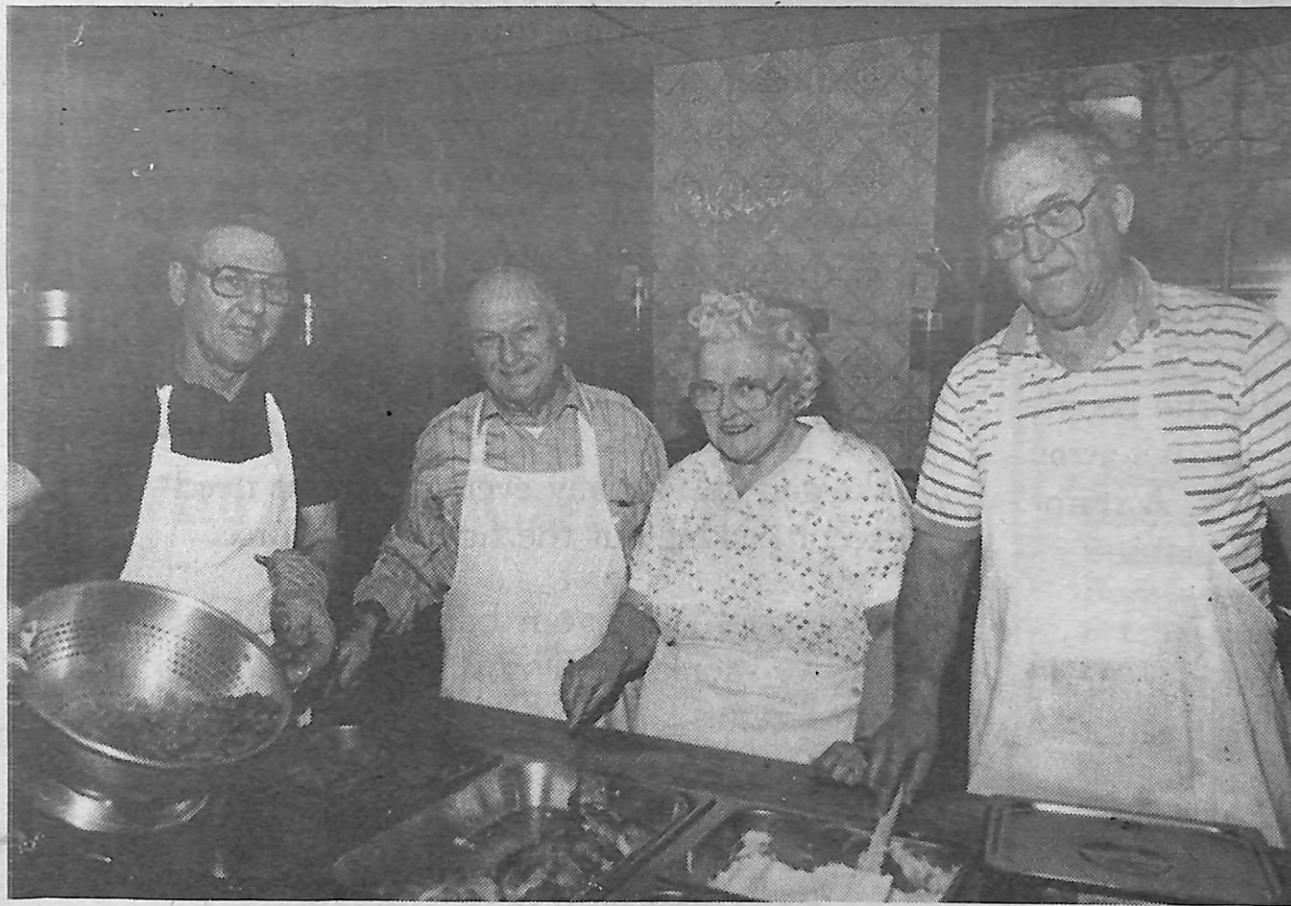
Chicken Supper Big Success At Ag. Congo Church



DIGGING-IN TO THEIR FINE chicken dinner prepared at the Agawam Congregational Church, Thursday, February 18th are Rita B. & Lester Waldeck of Westfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AFTER A FINE MEAL there's nice like dessert and coffee. Here, Margaret & William Zerbinopoulos enjoy theirs with Andrew Sylvester at the Agawam Congregational Church, Thursday, February 18th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FOR ANY CHURCH SUPPER TO BE SUCCESSFUL, the people behind-the-scenes are always very important. In photo left, the kitchen crew included Matt Blackak, Clint Warren, Bunny Wilson, and Neil Wilson. **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, manning the dessert table were church members Barbara Hodges and Alma Bassett. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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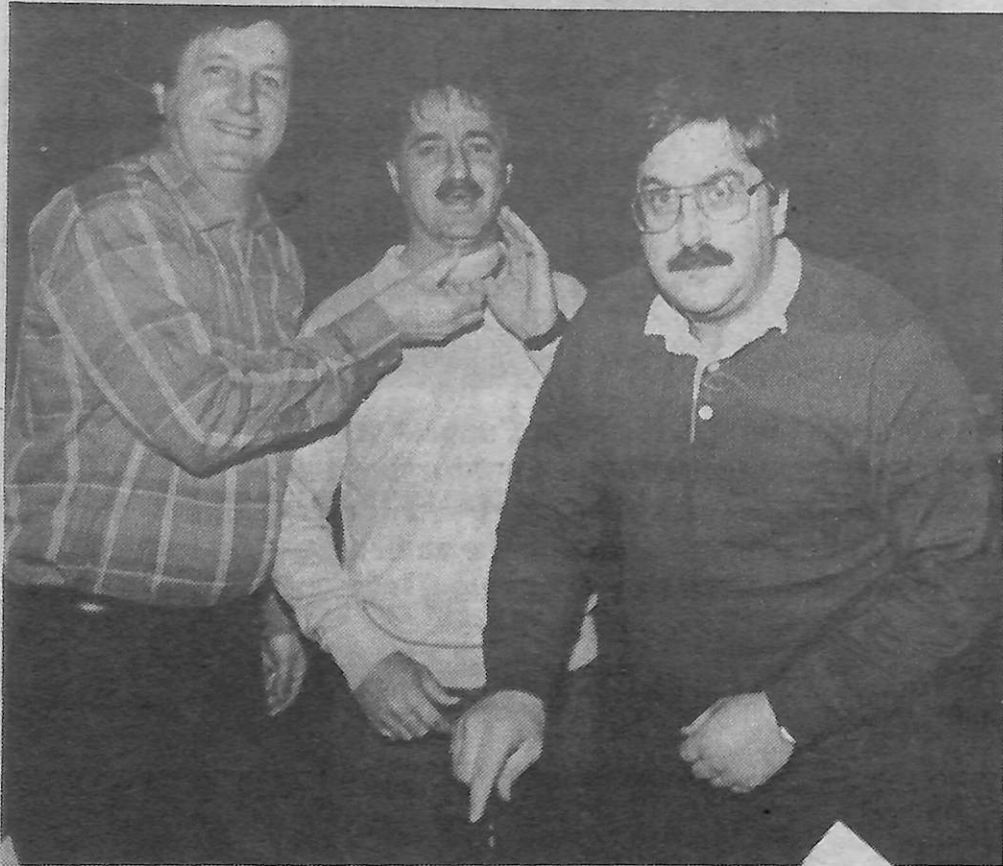
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Jr. Women Hold "Goodbye To Winter" Dance



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM JUNIORS WOMEN'S CLUB held a "Goodbye to Winter" Dance at the Polish American Club, Saturday, February 20th. On the following day, the cold winds came back to New England bringing temperatures below the freezing mark with the wind chill factor. Oh well, everyone still had a good time wishing winter away. IN PHOTOS, CLOCKWISE: The designated "Three Stooges" decided to attend - Bruce Theriaque, John Kaboray, and Fred Asta-Ferrero; Members Kathy Mahoney, Verna Urbanski, and Rosalie Dialessi collect money at the door; and finally, seated at their table - Ray Moreau & Marguerite Moreau (standing), and Eleanor Jean, Eileen Hamre, and Ron Jean. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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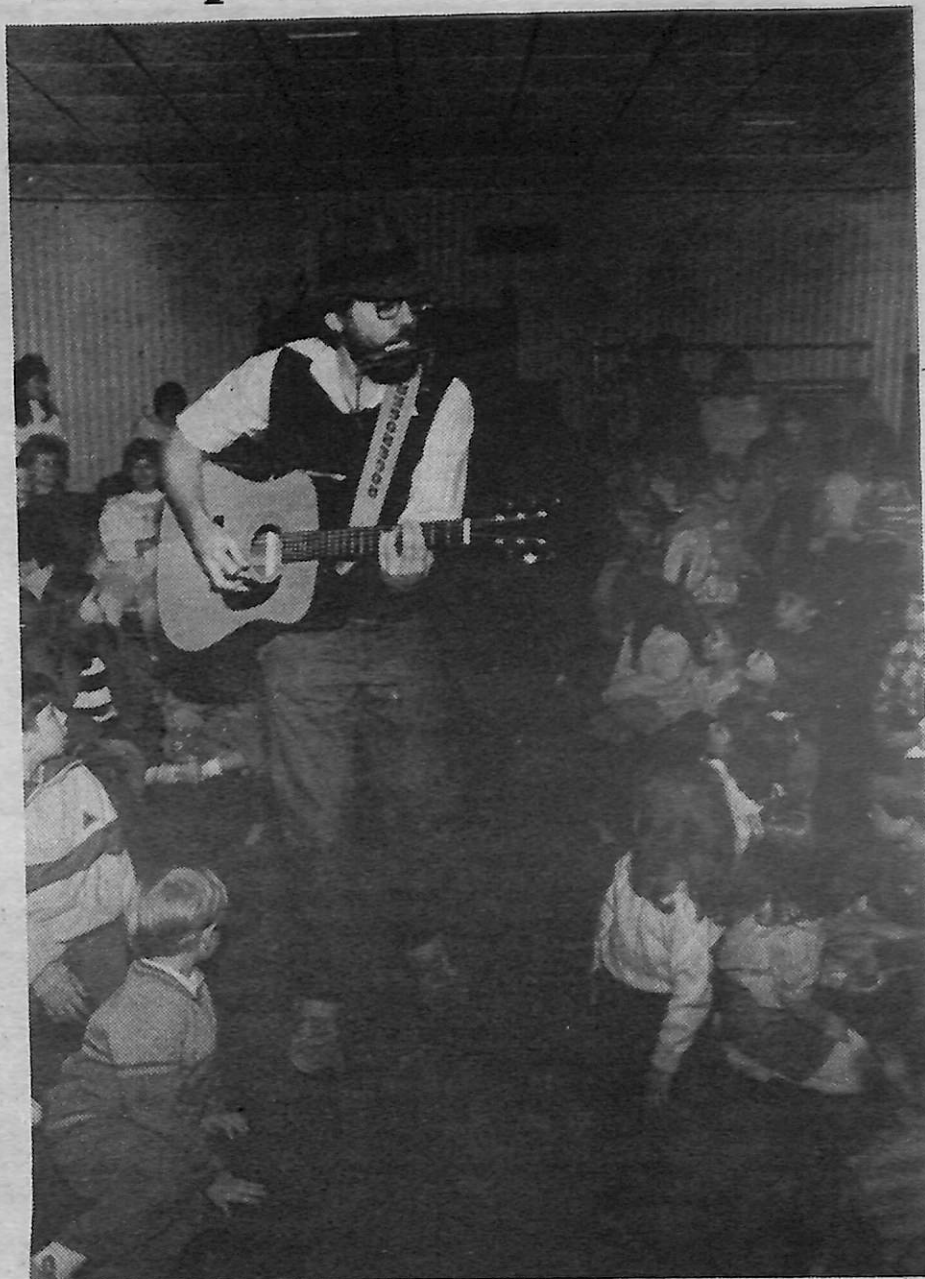
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Elfin Puppets Delight Large Group At Public Library



ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, at the Agawam Public Library, the Elfin Puppets arrived for a 50-minute show before about 60 youngsters in the Community Room. The storyline told about the trials and tribulations of a toad who was trying to make his garden grow. The story had many meaningful messages, not only for the youngsters, but the adults in the audience as well. The Children's Programming at the library is under the direction of Jeanne Hofmann.

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The fee covers round-trip transportation and admission to the flower show. Additionally, Helen Bates, author of *The Sunday Republican's* "Feeder Scraps" column, will be on board to share information on attracting birds to your own backyard.

This year's flower show theme is "Through an Open Window," and once again Massachusetts Audubon is co-sponsoring an exhibit with the Massachusetts Nurserymen's Association. A special peek behind the scene will be provided by MAS staff for all participants.

Departure is at 10:00 a.m. from the Big Y/Mars parking lot near the Ludlow entrance to the Massachusetts Pike, with an expected return at 6:30 p.m.

For further information, call Laughing Brook, 566-8034.

Cub Scout Pack 75 Slates Oldies Dance March 26th

On Saturday, March 26th, from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., Cub Scout Pack 75, sponsored by Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, will hold an Oldies Dance to raise money for the Pack.

The dance will be held at the Polish American Club, Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

There will be a door prize and raffles. You may bring your own snacks. Drinks may be purchased at the bar. Donation is \$6.

The music will be provided by a disc jockey. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

For further information, call Nancy Hallbauer, 786-2309, chairwoman of Pack 75.

Best Hometown News

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, February 27th
Prime Rib Dinner
Boy Scout Troop 570
West Side/Agawam Elks Lodge

Sunday, February 28th
Pancake Breakfast
Stadium Lights Asso.
Agawam Middle School
8:00 a.m. - noontime

Sunday, February 28th
Cancer Benefit
VFW Women's Auxiliary
Dinner & Entertainment
2:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 6th
UNICO Macaroni Supper
Agawam High School
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Saturday, March 26th
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Forest Park Chapter AARP To Meet March 3rd

Forest Park Chapter AARP will meet Thursday, March 3rd, at 1:15 p.m., at Trinity Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield.

Social hour will be at 12:45 p.m. The program will be a talk on senior citizen investments.

All members and friends are invited to attend.

Donna M. Bobeck Named Manager At Mystic Hilton

Donna Marie Bobeck, formerly of Feeding Hills, has been named Manager of the Mystic Hilton's Food and Beverage Service, Mystic, Connecticut.

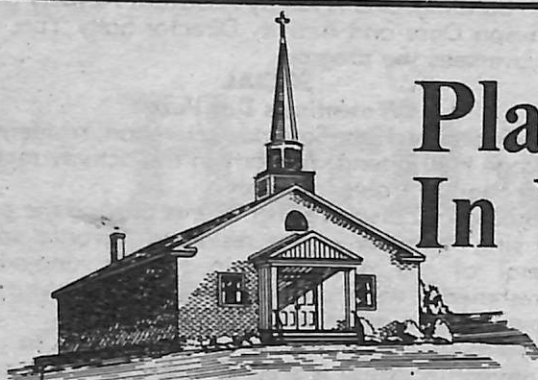
Ms. Bobeck has worked for several years at the Hyatt Regency, Washington, D.C., and at the Ramada Inn, Hartford. She received a bachelor's degree from the hotel school at the University of New Haven.

Troop 570 To Host Prime Rib Dinner

Boy Scout Troop 570 in West Springfield will be holding its annual Prime Rib Dinner on February 27, 1988. The dinner will be held at the West Springfield Agawam Elks Lodge 2174 on Morgan Road. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner following at 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided until 1 a.m. Donation is \$12.50 per person. Tickets may be obtained by contacting any committee member or by calling 739-6442.

Meditation Classes For Spiritual Growth

Classes on various types of meditation and its uses to cope with anxiety and stress, improve health, and enhance spiritual growth will be held at the Captain Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam, March 2, 9, & 16, at 7:30 p.m. Fee is \$20. For information call Shirley, 568-8312.



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Calendar Of Events

Golden Age Club

March 2nd: Chapter 2—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with a guest speaker from Boston concerning Blue Shield.

March 4th: Chapter 1—Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m.

March 9th: Chapter 1—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with gift bingo.

March 16th: Chapter 2—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with American Field Service Foreign Exchange students Linda Thompson, from Glasgow, Scotland, Diana Salce of the Dominican Republic, and Julie Scov of Denmark.

March 20th: Chapter 2—Polish Dinner at the Agawam Senior Center at 1:00 p.m., to be catered by Jenny Juzba and her committee.

March 23rd: Chapter 1—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with guest speaker, Deputy Fire Chief Dave Pisano on emergency treatments.

March 25th: Chapter 2—Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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ADVERTISER NEWS

Heritage Hall Nursing Home News & Notes

Resident Of The Week

NICOLA CUCCOVIA

Nicola Cuccovia was born May 3rd, 1904, in Macchiagodena, Italy. He graduated from the local high school, and continued his education to become a professional barber and shoemaker.

He has two sons and two daughters from his first marriage. After the death of his first wife, he remarried. In August 1958, Nicola retired and immigrated to the United States to reside with his son and family in Springfield. Nicola is a warm, friendly person and a pleasure to be around.

Heritage Hall is pleased to have Nicola as a member of its family.

COMMUNITY

Intergenerational Latch Key Program

Heritage Hall is hosting a Latch Key Program every afternoon from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. The children are transported from Phelps School by bus. The program is held Tuesdays and Thursdays in the North Building, and is run by Activity Directors Margaret Cantin and Kathy Sohay.

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, it is held in South Building, and is run by Assistant Activity Director Susan Dore and Activity Director Sally Yon, who also oversees the program.

SOCIAL

Valentine's Day Party

On February 13th, Saturday afternoon, residents of Heritage Hall attended a party in the activity room in celebration of Valentine's Day.

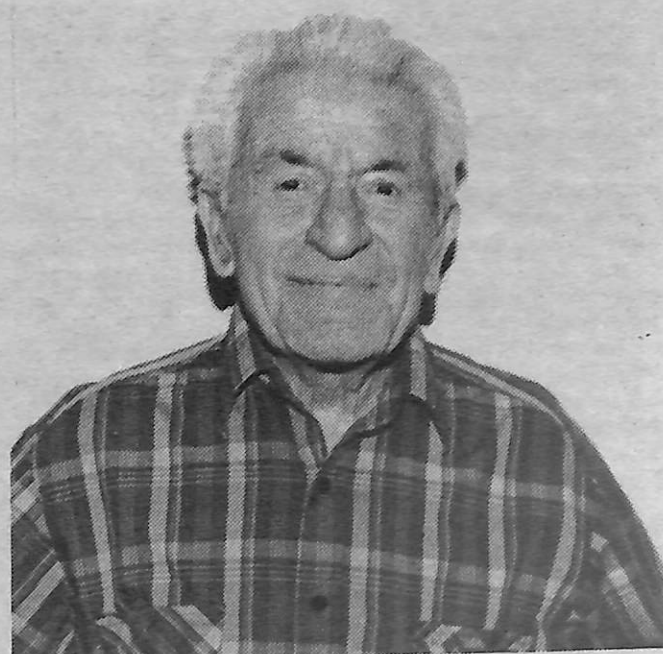
Barbara Hill displayed her talents playing the piano and singing many of the residents' favorite songs. Several of the residents joined in a sing-a-long. Refreshments were served, and everyone who participated had a great time.

Fourth Annual Courtesy Recognition Tea

Common courtesy is second nature to us all, extending ourselves to do things for the benefit of others. There are some people who carry this gesture of kindness beyond the point of common place. We take pride in being able to say we have a few of these individuals who reside at Heritage Hall.

They enrich our lives by reading and writing letters for fellow residents, lead religious gatherings, clear tables after teas and socials, and greet the public at various functions. These are only part of the things they do.

On Friday, February 12th, at the Valentine Tea, the following residents were presented with a carnation and certificate of appreciation: **Edwin Abar, Jean**



Nicola Cuccovia

Balser, Victoria Bettini, Rose Bigelow, Jeanette Bridge, Helena Burke, Anne Campbell, Lena DePinto, Evelyn Distasio, Magdeline Fleming, Mary Figiel, Norma Gallese, Alice Keane, Mary King, Nora Kling, Dorothy Kraemer, Helen McKillop, Mae Menard, Asenath Merrell, Ellen Moon, Lillian Rougier, Vivian Sideleau, Adelaide Shea, Rose Wagman, and Edith Wainwright.

Heritage Hall would like to extend a special thank-you to these residents for giving of their thoughts and time to others.

"Fat Tuesday"

Not to be outdone by New Orleans, Heritage Hall residents recently participated in a festive Mardi-Gras Dinner. The menu consisted of Cajun-style dishes that were delicious as well as aromatic. Keeping with the order of the day, masks, balloons, and other colorful decorations were evident everywhere.

Ted Crowley, a Shriner's clown, was in attendance amusing residents with his talents. Musical entertainment was provided by Danny DiDonato, and Jasper Bowden assisted in making our sing-a-long a success, and helped get residents in the spirit of "Fat Tuesday."

As the evening drew to a close, everyone agreed that the upcoming Lenten season was welcomed in royally.

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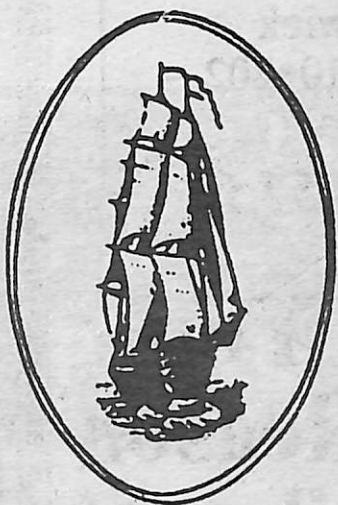
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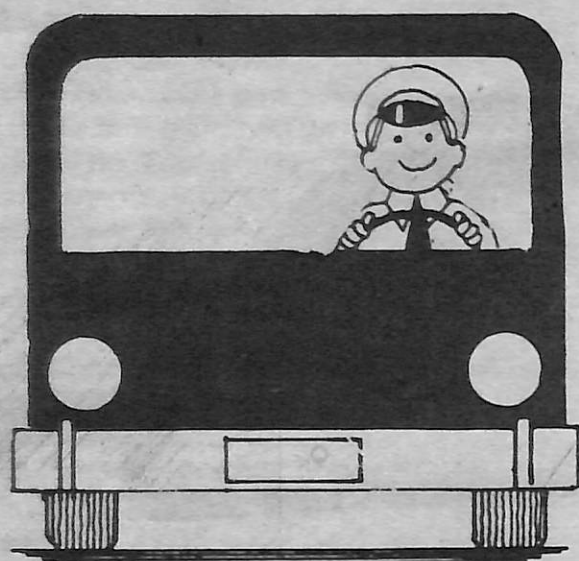
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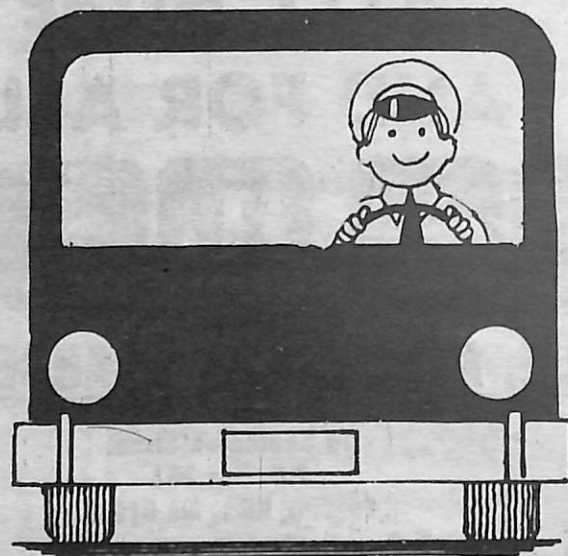
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by Marilyn & Dick Curry
Local Historians

Dayton Morely - Civil War Hero From Feeding Hills - Part II

Fourteen Battles

It must be remembered that before we began our research about a Civil War hero from Feeding Hills, we had only an oral account for Dayton Morley's military history. Francis O'Leary (Morley's nephew) had informed us that he would forward a copy of the *Springfield Republican's* obituary, but until that time, we decided to begin our research.

We hoped that sufficient information of a general nature would help to establish location of the famous 38th New York Regiment. It is also of further interest to note that at the time of the war's outbreak (1861), Morley must have been approximately 34 years of age! This in itself was surprising since prior research led us to believe that the average age of enlistment in the Union forces was the mid-twenties, making Morley at least 10 years the senior of those young men who first offered their service to the Federal cause.

Since Francis O'Leary had told us that his uncle fought in 14 battles, our first inclination was to establish a period of time at which Morley must have enlisted. Upon this premise, we decided to rest our case entirely upon conjecture, presuming that if Morley had fought at Gettysburg in 1863, it was quite probable that he might have been an early enlistment, thereby having participated in the 14 encounters prior to Gettysburg.

Further speculation led us to assume that had Morely been captured at Gettysburg, this fact would account for his imprisonment for three years in the Libby Prison, Richmond, Virginia. To establish this factor, we had to locate the 38th Regiment at its earliest date of participation.

After several days of research, we were able to find a given date in reference to the service of the New York Regiment. Using as a starting reference point the name of Colonel John Ward, we assumed that since he was mustered to the 38th Regiment on October 4th, 1862, it was just possible that had Morley enlisted about this period of time (then he might be accounted for having seen considerable action prior to the Gettysburg campaign), thereby allowing for his being a prisoner of war for several years.

After covering (page by page) the 760-page compilation "North To Antietam," we were able to account for Ward's assignment to the 38th. In the text's account of the Peninsular Campaign by Major-General George B. McClellan, we were able to establish that the New York 38th, then under the command of Colonel J.H. Hobart, Ward was assigned to the First Brigade.. Third Division of the Third Corps, Army of the Potomac (1862).

Obviously, it would prove most impractical for us to describe the various and many skirmishes, minor/major battles of this campaign. Of greater importance is the

fact that the 38th must have seen considerable service in the year (1862), leading to the battle of Gettysburg. Likewise, if our judgment in speculation were to prove correct, we could easily account for Morley's 14 battles, including the historic, three-day confrontation at Gettysburg!

Battle Of Gettysburg

We were able to locate the 38th at the "Seven Days Battle." At that time, the regiment was still within the Third Corps, assigned to the Second Brigade of the First Division. However, during the Maryland Campaign, we were unable to substantiate that the 38th had actively participated in the Antietam battle, apart from reference to the Third Corps, to which it was attached. Still, the fact remains that the regiment must have played its role in the active campaign of General Robert E. Lee's entrance to Maryland.

By this time we were firmly convinced that Dayton Morley might easily have participated in 14 meetings with the enemy forces. Despite the fact that we did not have access to the regimental history of the 38th New York Regiment of Infantry, we were convinced that our

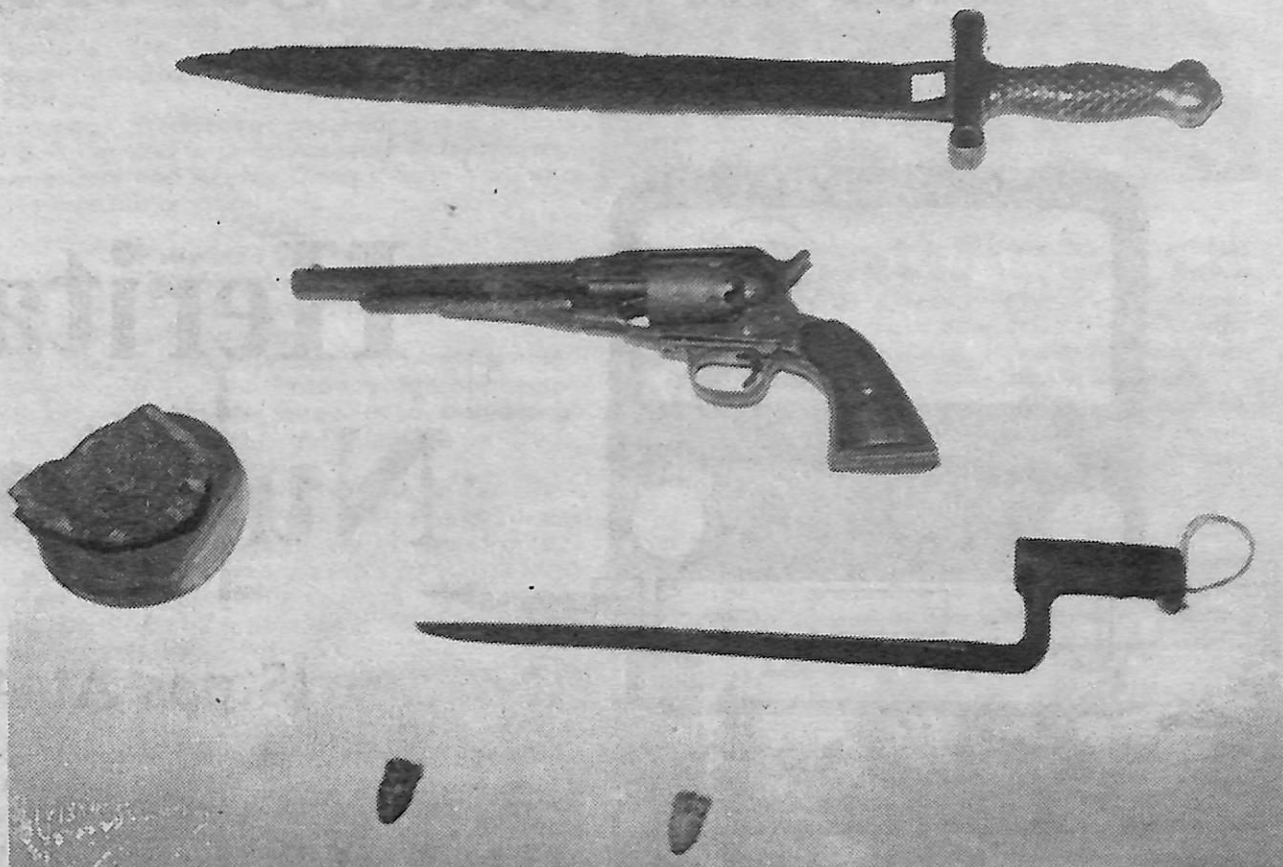
speculation, based on the information of Francis O'Leary, was leading to a positive conclusion.

Location Of The 38th At Gettysburg

We shall not attempt to elaborate on the magnanimity of the battle of Gettysburg, since the greatness of this campaign has been well-accounted for in many texts and eyewitness accounts of the battle. However, we have been able to locate the approximate whereabouts of the 38th regiment in terms of the assignments of the Third Corps (to which it had been placed).

Historian Stackpole clearly defines the importance of Gettysburg battle: "Gettysburg's place in the history of American arms is well established, and properly so, even though the Gettysburg fight was but one of 892 major and more than 5,000 minor battles or engagements that occurred during the four years of the Civil War. However, it is significant that almost five percent of the Union losses in the entire war were incurred during the Gettysburg campaign."

SEE IN OLD AGAWAM - Page 19...



CIVIL WAR artifacts that may have been used by Dayton Morley of Feeding Hills during service in the Union army. Advertiser

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News, Activities At Agawam Senior Center

Agawam Council On Aging Calendar For March: (Services and Events)

March 1st: Blood Pressure Clinic, 1:00 p.m., by appointment. A-L.

March 2nd: Podiatry Clinic, 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., by appointment.

March 2nd: Income tax assistance, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., by appointment

March 8th: Presidential Primary Election, rides to the poll available.

March 8th: Council On Aging meeting, 4:30 p.m.

March 8th: 12:30 p.m. program, Sy Becker, "A L-O-O-OK At The Movies."

March 9th: Income tax assistance, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., by appointment.

Blood Pressure Clinic, 1:00 p.m., by appointment. M-Z.

March 16th: Income tax assistance, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., by appointment.

March 17th: 12:30 p.m., Agawam Junior High School String Orchestra.

March 17th: Foot Nurses, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., by appointment.

March 22nd: Energy Bingo, by Northeast Utilities, 12:30 p.m.

March 23rd: Income tax assistance, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., by appointment.

March 30th: Income tax assistance, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., by appointment.

ACTIVITIES:

March 8th, 12:30 p.m.: Special guest, Sy Becker and "A L-O-O-OK At the Movies."

March 17th, 11:45 a.m.: St. Patrick's Day special menu and entertainment. Reservations will open Monday, March 7th. Only two reservations per person will be accepted. All reservations will be numbered as they are received.

New Opportunity: For beginners only! Organ lessons will be available and scheduled for Thursday afternoons. For more information, call Activities Department, 786-0400, extension 242. Ask for Sandra.

Coming in April, Cholesterol Screening, by appointment. Fee, \$3.

TRIPS FOR 1988:

April 17th and 18th: Fall River, Vanity Fair, and more.

April 12th: White Hart Inn, Banquet

Theatre, Salisbury, Connecticut. \$29.75.

May 19th: West Point, Gasho of Japan, Brotherhood Winery. \$34.

July 21st: Spirit of Boston, Lobster Clam Bake. \$28.

August 9th: Luncheon cruise around Manhattan Island by World Yacht Cruises.

October: Legrand David Majic Show, Larcom Theatre, Beverly, Massachusetts, with lunch at Kings Grant Inn, Danvers, Massachusetts.

A word of thanks to that special organization called "Friends of the Agawam Senior Center" for laying out the "red carpet" at the entrance of the Senior Center to protect the beautiful new carpet that was recently installed.

From "Friends of the Agawam Senior Center":

The Board of Directors and officers of "Friends," welcome more new members for 1988, and extend a thank-you for their support.

They include **Marion Haubenriser, Ruth Hanson, Thelma Horenstein, Dorothy Iannuzzi, Samuel Joyce, Teri Joseph, Renee Jury, Myles Keery, William Koob, Rita LaBranch, Grace Letendre, Beatrice Loiselle, Raymond LaBranche, Raymond Letendre.**

Membership applications are available at the Senior Center Ticket Booth. One does not have to be a senior citizen to join "Friends," only a resident of Agawam. Membership dues are only \$3, and new members are always welcome.

Wanted: Walk Leaders, free training and certification, one-day workshop, April 7th.

"Keep Moving" was designed by the executive office of Elder Affairs to promote fitness, exercise, and socialization for adults 50 years and older. As part of the "Keep Moving" program, a statewide network of walking clubs has been initiated. Persons interested in starting a walking club in Agawam, are trained and certified as leaders.

The Activities Department is in search of leaders to represent the Senior Center as well as out in the community. All interested persons may contact Activities Director Sandra Smith, 786-0400, extension 242.

IN OLD AGAWAM - From Page 18...

"One out of every 18 of the free male population of the United States, of an age to bear arms, fought there. Eighteen states were represented in the Union army, 12 in the Confederate. The Army of the Potomac comprised a total of 287 regiments of infantry and cavalry, and 73 batteries of field artillery, for a total of 360 organizations, almost half of which were from New York and Pennsylvania..."

Haskell's eyewitness account of the battle is even more definitive in terms of Union corps placements during the several days of confrontation, including the eventual, and much-delayed pursuit of Lee's defeated army following the battle.

It is from this latter text that we were able to pinpoint the exact location and participation of the New York 38th during the entire campaign.

As both armies approached the once quiet and rural crossroads town of Gettysburg, we discovered that the Third Corps had been nearing its final destination along the Emmitsburg Road (heading toward the westerly side of Cemetery Ridge).

During the course of the next several days of fierce battle, the corps was to retreat toward Little Round Top, eventually relocating to the rear of the now famous ridge, along Taneytown Road. Thus was the 38th's position as of 3:30 p.m., July 2nd, and again July 3rd. There is little doubt that the regiment had been actively involved during General Pickett's famous "Charge" and during the colossal cannonade directed at the Confederate army.

It is interesting to note that Haskell states the first day of July witnessed the greatest number of men missing in action and taken prisoner by the enemy.

Speaking of the Union Army, the author states: "Our own losses in killed, wounded and missing, I estimate, was at 23,000. Of the missing the larger portion were prisoners, lost on the 1st of July."

In respect to the Third Corps, Haskell estimates "about 4,000 victims, of which some were missing."

At this point we suggest that Dayton Morley might easily have been taken prisoner of war at the onset of the battle!

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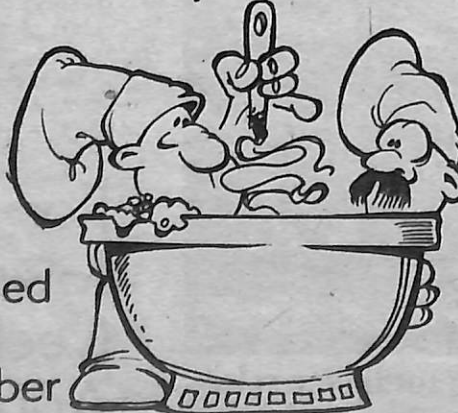
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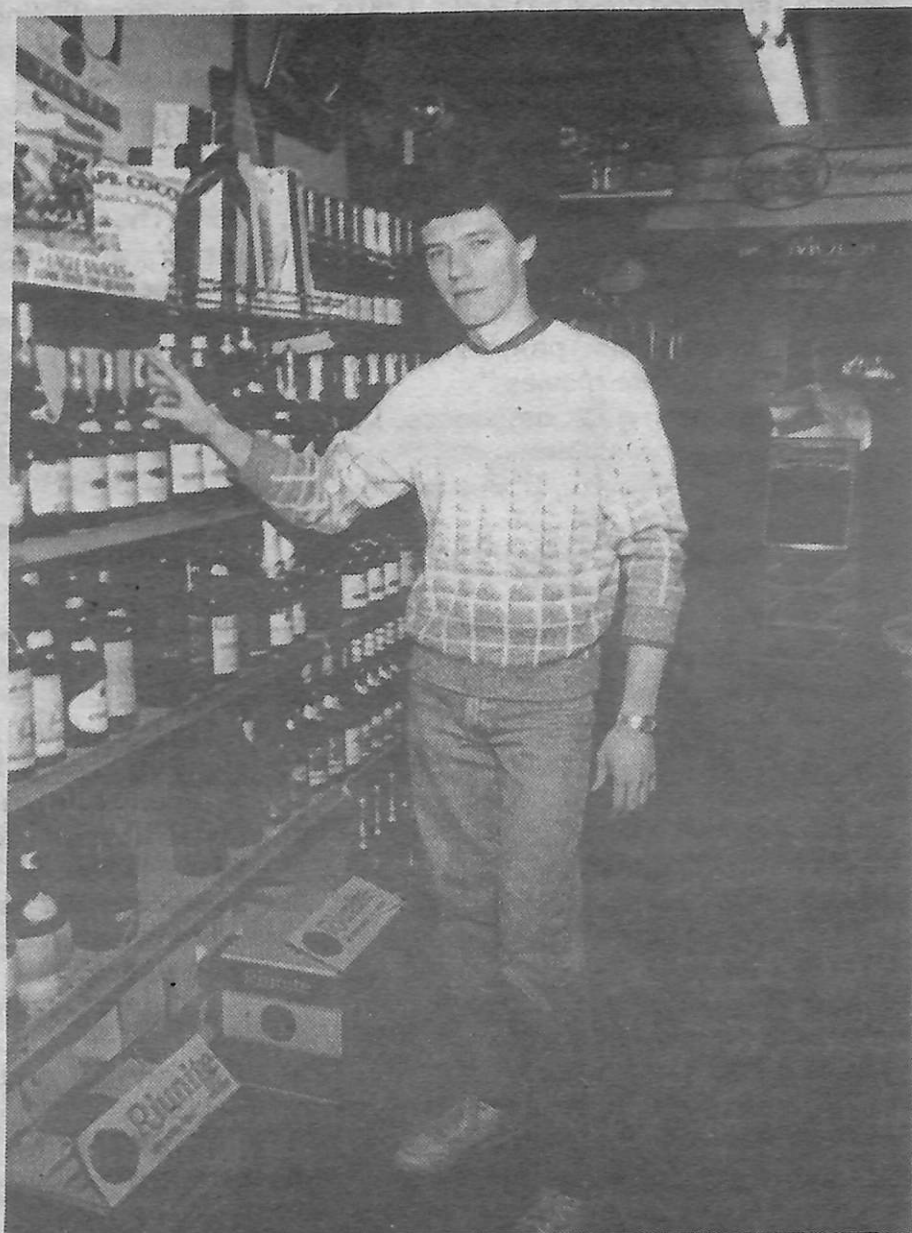




Spotlight On Business...



BEER & WINE ARE THE SPECIALTIES of "Wes's Package Store" in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



WESLEY ZACHARA, a native of Poland who is now a U.S. citizen, is the proud new owner of Wes's Package Store (formerly The Keg Package Store), 340 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Former Polish Immigrant Now Budding American Businessman

by Joan Lussier
Advertiser News Staff

Fifteen years ago, Filiks Zachara came to the United States from Poland for a vacation to see his relatives. He stayed for three months, returned to Poland, and eight years ago, brought his wife, Waclawa, and their son, Wesley, back to live in the United States.

Today, after attending Chicopee High School, Chicopee Comp, and Springfield Community College, 24 year-old Wesley Zachara is the proud owner of Wes's Package Store, formerly Keg Package Store, located at 340 North Westfield Street.

The Zacharas are from Szczecin, a town in the northern region of Poland. Wesley said that upon arriving in America, he and his parents lived with his aunt, in Chicopee. They lived there for three years before moving to Agawam four years ago.

Wesley has been a U.S. citizen for two years. While working as a mechanic for Bob Weiner Tire in Westfield, he decided he wanted more out of life; he wanted to try something else. When he saw that the Feeding Hills package store was for sale, Wesley immediately wanted to buy it, but it took almost eight months to get the beer and wine license transferred.

Officially, on February 1st, Wesley opened the door of the package store as its new owner. Although liquor cannot be sold, there is the usual lines of beer, but the varieties of wines are quite large, and Wesley said if someone requests a certain beer or wine, he will try to get it for them.

The store also sells soda, snack items, cigarettes, and lottery tickets, which when sold, are given Wes' "good luck" everytime.

Wesley's father, Filiks, is a toolmaker, and his mother, Waclawa, owns Beautiful Hair Ltd., on 1342 Springfield Street.

"Owning a package store here (in the United States) is very nice, because in Poland, citizens do not own businesses, they are run by the Government," said Wesley.

His plans for the future include learning all about different beers and wines, expanding the store, and eventually selling liquor as well.

To meet Wesley, and be greeted by his warm smile, stop by Wes's Package Store, Monday to Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.



WES'S PACKAGE STORE has an extraordinary selection of fine wines. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

For all the hometown news, townsfolk turn our pages evert week. PLEASE PATRONIZE Agawam Business....!!!

Spotlight On Business - continued...**Sebastian I New Hair Salon Now Open On Walnut Street Extension****by Joan Lussier
Advertiser News Staff**

Open since January, Sebastian I, located at 330 Walnut Street Extension, offers complete beauty services, by professionally trained personnel.

Through March, there is a special on perms (\$30), just in time to go along with your new spring wardrobe.

Other services include haircut, \$12; wash, haircut, and blow-dry, \$15; men's haircuts, \$10; children (under eight years-old), \$5; highlighting, \$30; coloring, \$12-\$21; waxing, \$5; and manicures, \$7. Cellophaning, which is hair coloring without the use of chemicals, is also available.

The salon, owned by Diane Mazza and Kelly Murty, uses and sells such popular hair care products as Nexus, Redken, Paul Mitchell, and Kenra.

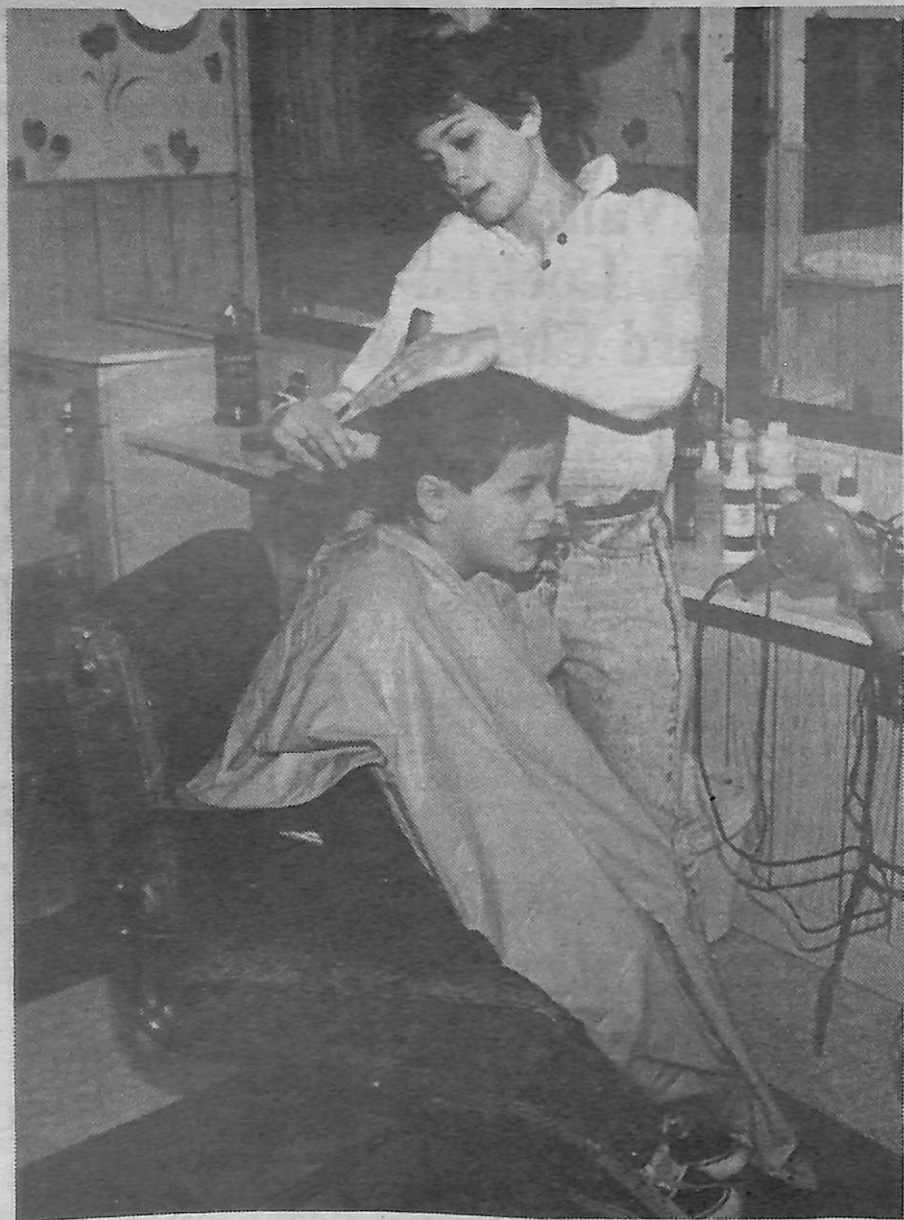
Diane acts as receptionist, and handles all the bookkeeping aspects of the business. Her partner, Kelly, attended Mansfield Beauty Academy, and worked at World Hair Design (Chicopee), Image Makers II (East Springfield), and Status Hair Salon (Springfield). New to the Sebastian I family, is Ell, formerly of Glemby of Vegas.

Senior citizens receive a special discount, and walk-ins are also welcome.

The hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come into Sebastian's, receive any of their services, and sign their "guest book," for another surprise.

The salon is conveniently located, easy to get to, completely remodelled and redecorated, the service is courteous, and dependable, and like the month of March, Sebastian I can take any lion, and transform her into a beautiful lamb.

Watch for the Grand Opening. The date, and terrific Grand Opening Specials will appear in a future issue of *The Agawam Advertiser*.



KELLY MURTY, co-owner of Sebastian I hair salon, cuts the hair of young **Anthony Mazza**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SEBASTIAN I is located at 330 Walnut Street Extension, Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Spotlight On Business - continued...

35th Annual Western Mass Home Show

The 35th Annual Western Mass Home Show of the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield will open its doors Tuesday, March 15th, and continue through Sunday, March 20th, according to chairman Robert Lloyd of Feeding Hills, owner of Lloyd Construction, Ltd.

It will feature everything the consumer needs, whether it's for an apartment, condo, townhouse, or personal comfort.

Whether one plans to buy, build, restore, renovate or do-it-yourself, everything will be found here at this exciting show. Colorful and unique exhibits will come together at the Eastern States Exposition Grounds in West Springfield featuring the latest in products and services from North Carolina, Delaware, California, New Mexico, New York, Nevada, Tennessee, Illinois, Virginia, Texas, Georgia, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and all over New England.

The Western Mass Home Show will have more than 350 exhibitors renting over 660 booths, as well as eight model homes, and will be open from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 15th, through Thursday, March 17th; 1:00 to 10:00 p.m., Friday, March 18th; 10:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m., on Saturday, March 19th; and 12:00 noon through 7:30 p.m., Sunday, March 20th.

Discount coupons, worth \$1 off the \$5 general admission ticket, have been distributed throughout Western Massachusetts and will be duplicated in several area newspapers.

Senior citizens will be admitted free Friday afternoon from 1:00 through 5:00 p.m. Children under age 12 are free throughout the show.



ROBERT F. LLOYD of Feeding Hills, owner and operator of Lloyd Construction, Ltd. (left), is the chairman again this year of the Western Mass. Home Show. Bob is pictured with **Helmut K. Marosits**, president of the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield, and show mascot "Hooter the Home Builder."



RICHARD A. STEBBINS, president and chief executive officer of BayBank Valley (left), and **Wilbert E. Locklin**, newly-elected chairman of the board, discuss 1988 plans.

Baybank Valley Names Wilbert E. Locklin New Board Chairman

The Board of Directors of BayBank Valley Trust Company has elected Wilbert E. Locklin as its Chairman. Dr. Locklin, former President of Springfield College, has been a member of BayBank Valley's Board for twenty years and has served as Chairman of its Charitable Funds Committee and as a member of its Executive and Trust Committees. The announcement was made by Richard A. Stebbins, President and Chief Executive Officer, following a meeting of the bank's Board.

"In addition to his distinguished role as Springfield College's chief executive and his dedicated service as a director of BayBank Valley, Dr. Locklin has been a prominent participant in Springfield civic affairs. He is an outstanding example of public spirited involvement in our community and we are honored to have him serve as the Chairman of our Board," said Mr. Stebbins.

Dr. Locklin succeeds Paul H. Mehrtens, who is re-joining the Board of Directors of BayBanks, Inc., the parent company of BayBank Valley Trust Company. Mr. Mehrtens, who resides in Longmeadow, has been a member of the BayBanks, Inc. Board prior to his election as BayBank Valley Chairman in 1983.

BayBank Valley, the leading commercial bank in the Pioneer Valley with total assets of over \$900 million and 19 offices, is one of nine banks in the \$8 billion BayBanks group. These banks, located in Massachusetts and Connecticut, provide a full range of financial services to individuals, businesses, governmental units and other banks throughout the New England region.

Rabideau Loan Officer At Shawmut

Shawmut First Bank announced that Richard Rabideau was elected Commercial Loan Officer of Shawmut First Bank.

He joined the bank as a management trainee in the Commercial Loan Division in 1986. Rabideau, a graduate of Holy Cross College, completed extensive credit and lending training. He will be concentrating his efforts in the Westfield, West Springfield, and Agawam areas.

After joining Shawmut, Rabideau served as a loan executive to the United Way. He is a resident of Agawam.

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For Your Health...

How's The Family???

Do Those "Inner Voices" Still Haunt You?"

by Dr. Warren F. Schumacher
associate professor
University of Massachusetts

People are like tape recorders. Certain messages are recorded on the cassette of the mind by the parents and teachers, the priest, rabbi, or nun from childhood days. Later, events of life step on the "play" button, and we hear those inner voices programming how we feel and how we behave.

Don't you believe it? During the next five minutes look at the various roles that you fill in your family. Try to pick out the statements that you might hear in the back of your mind. What are your expectations? What directions are written in the script?

PARENT:

What is the appropriate time for your son or daughter to get home at night? How neat and clean ought the room to be? What type of friends are appropriate? What scholastic expectations do you have for them? When are you proud or sad about their accomplishments?

BREADWINNER:

Why the two jobs or all that extra overtime? How about the person who never takes a sick day? Do you feel guilty when you miss a day?

HOMEMAKER:

Do you still try to prepare all those meals and keep the house so clean even now that you have gone back to work? Are you trying to be "super-mom"?

LOVER:

Are there certain types of physical lovemaking that are appropriate and other positions or times that are inappropriate? Are you free to use an effective contraceptive if you don't want another child right now? When the woman is assertive, does that change the

whole process?

BEING YOURSELF:

Your own taste in food and music, your personality, and need to be on time: what turns you on; what turns you off?

Pick out any other role that you can think of in addition to those listed above. Now with your own insight, look inside. With your mind's eye, take a light and shine it on the cassette tape that is playing in your mind as you listen to the words that direct so many of these actions. Is that voice truly your own, or has the script been written and recorded on the tape by someone else? Are you giving direction to your own feelings and actions, or is someone else calling the shots?

Inner voices program our emotions; how guilty we feel as parents when our children do not live up to expectations! But who said that this child ought to be that smart or that clean? Are you convinced that he must be home by 10:00 p.m., or was that the time you yourself had to be home around that age?

Why do we feel so worthless when the job doesn't work out; who says that the prime claim to fame is how much money we make? How inadequate do we feel as lovers because we don't live up to some current or cultural norm for our physical expression? How angry we become when we just can't get that thing to work; dad could fix just about anything!

Inner voices program out external actions, too. The perfectionist or the workaholic, the one who is always late or keeps putting things off, comes up with such phrases as: "That's the way I've always been," or "It's

just part of my personality." Those inner voices from the authority figures of the past generate behavior that is so similar to what we observed them doing and saying. But sometimes those pictures from the past are so painful that people are forced to do and say just the opposite.

For example, the mom who has to be perfect with her own children because she so desperately needed and wanted her own mother to treat her better as a child. The procrastinator who never seems to get to that painting job can come to realize that he keeps putting it off because he knows that he can't do it quite as good as his own father would have done it; it's true that his dad is still telling him that it must be done perfectly.

Inner voices program so many of our speech patterns. "I'm sorry." "That's stupid of me." "It's all my fault." "I'm a terrible mother. I should not have gotten so mad at my kid today." We have been told that we are guilty and dumb, inadequate and insecure; we just act out the part.

It's time to turn off (or at least tune down) the voices of other people if they are directing our lives. Take the tape of your father or mother, your old teacher or religious leader, out of your walkman. Replace that tape with your own. Maybe you really want to act the same way you always have; that's okay as long as it truly is your own voice. But maybe you want to act and feel differently; that's okay too. Listen to your own voice.

Whose life is it, anyway?

Mercy Cardiac Wellness Series March Schedule

The patient Education Department of Mercy Hospital is offering a free five-week series of cardiac education programs titled "Up Beat! Cardiac Wellness," on Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to noon, location to be announced. All programs are open to the public.

A Mercy nurse educator and a hospital social worker will present "How the Heart Works - Cardiac Anatomy and Physiology," and "Coping With Cardiac Illness," on March 3rd.

"Knowing and Using Medications Wisely" will be presented by a Mercy pharmacist on March 10th.

"Heart Healthy Diet," presented by a Mercy Hospital dietician, will be offered on March 17th.

"Physicians Review of Medical and Surgical Treatments of Cardiovascular Disease in the 80's" will be offered on March 24, by Mercy medical staff cardiologists.

"Stress, Exercise and CPR - What You Need To Know," offered by a Mercy Hospital nurse educator, will conclude the program on March 31st.

Reservations are requested; call 781-9100, extension 5344, between 8 and 9 a.m., Monday thru Friday.

Alliance For Mentally-ill To Meet March 2nd

The monthly support group meeting for family and friends of the Alliance For the Mentally Ill will be held Wednesday, March 2nd, at 7:00 p.m., at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm Street (next to the A&P),

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Skiing this winter? Be careful.

If you have been watching the winter olympics in Calgary, you've seen some exciting skiing. You've also seen some spectacular falls. Torn ligaments and tendons are a common result. Even broken bones, as was the case with an American female athlete. Another young female skier knocked herself unconscious during a poor landing. Her event was freestyle, a new Olympic event that often results in terrible falls. The competitors ski up a steep ramp, execute multiple twists and turns in the air and then attempt landing upright on their skis! The earth is very unforgiving. I can still see this young woman's body tumbling down the mountain like a rag doll. She was unconscious shortly after landing from a whiplash to the neck.

Did you ever stop and consider what happens to the delicate spine during a bad skiing mishap? And these athletes are in superb condition. Many of the top professional athletes receive regular chiropractic care to keep them functioning.

As a chiropractic physician, my interest in the sport goes beyond the competition when there is an injury, or the possibility that one has occurred.

An injury on the ski slope is very often the same type as that received in an auto crash. The body is struck or badly jarred, and the bones in the neck or back can be misplaced, or sometimes fractured.

When this occurs in an arm or leg, the fractured bone is set and nature heals the break with time.

But not so easily detected and more threatening is a misplaced or damaged vertebra in the spinal column. If one or more of these bones in even slightly out of line, it can mean pressure on the nerves inside the spine and actual partial or complete paralysis of muscles and organs.

It can cause permanent spinal curvature later, which shows up with startling clarity on x-rays of many patients.

While skiing is one of the most exhilarating winter sports there is, no bad fall should be forgotten until after a competent consultation and examination.

Every skier should be taken to a chiropractic facility before an injury if forgotten.

**S.T.A.R.T.
EXERCISING...**by Patrick Carley, M.S., R.P.T.
S.T.A.R.T. Sports Medicine, Physical Therapy
60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-8908**DEAR S.T.A.R.T.:**

I sprained the ligaments in my knee last year skiing. Since then I've had to wear a brace while participating in sports and even walking around. Do you think I'll have to wear this brace forever?

Braced for the worst**DEAR BRACED:**

This is a hard question to answer without actually measuring and testing your knee. However, let me explain the purpose and reality of wearing braces, not only for the knee but for other areas of the body, such as the ankle and back.

Braces provide an external support for a weak body part. The reason why it became weak in the first place may differ greatly from person to person. In cases where braces are unavoidable, such as where the bony structure is fractured, malaligned, or unstable, a brace is important to give that extra support to the skeletal system. It actually acts as an extra bone for support against stress and gravity.

In other cases where nerve damage has occurred, braces act in providing support for muscles that can no longer work by themselves. Nerves provide the stimulus for muscle contraction. If they are damaged, the muscles will no longer work. Braces can be used to support the leg so it can bear weight during standing and walking.

There is another side to the coin to keep in mind—a brace will sometimes become a psychological support in addition to a physical support. Some will tend to rely on the brace rather than using their own muscles.

As a result, muscles around the knee will become weaker in comparison to the side not braced. This will cause the leg to be visibly weaker confirmed by a small girth measurement around the leg.

Braces for knees with only slight to moderate loose ligaments are helpful in giving reasonable stability. This is especially important during athletic and recreational activities that can be performed without the brace.

SEE S.T.A.R.T. - Page 26...

Pap Smear Controversy To Be Aired At Baystate Medical

The controversy surrounding the Pap Smear—a screening test to detect cancer in women—will be one focus of a Baystate Medical Center Seminar, Friday, March 4th, at the Marriott Hotel.

"State of the Art Cytopathology" will present a panel discussion centering on *Wall Street Journal* stories that alleged slipshod handling of Pap Smear tests in certain parts of the country. Follow-up stories have appeared in *Newsweek*, on Geraldo Rivera's show, and last week in the *American Medical Association News*.

"This seminar is the largest and most important of its type in the Northeast," according to Dr. Bruce R. Dziura, a pathologist at Baystate Medical Center. "It represents the first time persons representing all points of view in the Pap Smear controversy have come together to discuss the problem" Dziura said.

The panel discussion at 2:00 p.m., will feature Dr. Robert Hasselbrack, president of Accu Pap, Inc., Seattle, Washington, and Patricia R. Ashton, president of

Cell Diagnosis, Inc., Durham, North Carolina, both of whom were quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*.

The pap smear test is one of the most common laboratory tests in the country, and is widely regarded as the most reliable screening test for cervical cancer. But the *Wall Street Journal* reported that the test fails to detect nearly one out of four cases of cancer.

"It's time for the medical community to acknowledge the failures of cervical cancer screening in the U.S.," Dr. Hasselbrack told the *Journal* last fall.

The panel is part of a day-long program scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m., with a presentation by Rhonda Karp, a professor of Cytotechnology at Thomas Jefferson University.

Pre-registration is required. For information call 784-4520. The program meets criteria for six credit hours in Category I for the Physicians' Recognition Award of the American Medical Association, and is approved for six Group R credits by the American Society of Cytology.

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Type "O" Blood Supply Sought By Red Cross

The American Red Cross Blood Services—Northeast Region (ARCBS-NR) announced today that the supply of group O blood (O positive and O negative) has dropped to a critical level. All healthy, eligible group O persons who donate regularly and those who have never donated before are asked to donate blood now.

Since the holidays when there were fewer blood donations, the region's supply of group O blood has not been adequately replenished. The recent severe winter weather locally and nationwide has made it impossible to eliminate the shortages. Additionally, hospital needs have increased.

"Group O is the most common blood type, representing 49 percent of the population. People with type O can receive only type O red blood cells, no other type can be used. Consequently, we must not be out of O's," states Peter L. Page, M.D., ARCBS-NR director. "Giving blood is the 10 minute miracle. It takes only about 10 minutes to actually donate one unit of blood."

ARCBS-NR supplies blood components to over 150 hospitals in Massachusetts and Maine. Patients' needs have been met, but it is important to approach the optimal level as soon as possible.

Generally, anyone in good health, 18 years of age or older (17 year-olds must have a signed Red Cross guardian consent form), who weighs at least 110 pounds, and has never had hepatitis may be eligible to donate.

For more information about becoming a blood donor and helping to save lives, call the American Red Cross, toll-free, 1-800-922-HERO or (617) 461-2057.

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MANAGING YOUR STRESS

by Dr. Stephen Sobel
M.S., S.M.C.



DEAR DR. SOBEL:

I enjoy your column a great deal. I use many things you talk about. I am interested to know if you feel children (ages seven to nine) can benefit from stress reduction techniques? I feel my two children might benefit from them.

Thanks. F.R., Feeding Hills

ANSWER:

Absolutely! There are enough simple techniques that children can benefit from. I teach proper deep breathing, visualization, and muscle relaxation to quite a few children. My "prerequisite" for each parent is that they need to encourage their child to prac-

tice—much the same way they diligently practice other things. Children are remarkable in that they do have the ability to calm themselves down, create positive thoughts/images, and become aware of tension in their body.

I usually see children for six half-hour sessions. With all the stressors children face today, it is nice to be able to teach them lifelong skills to cope with these stressors! A "gift" for your child's mental/physical health all year round. Children are more willing to control stress than we might think. Dr. Sobel can be reached at 525-6652 or 732-2759.

DEAR DR. SOBEL:

I greatly enjoyed your seminar on February 9th, "How To Deal With Difficult People." It was really informative and lively. When is your next session and what is the topic?

ANSWER:

Thank you! I will most likely be speaking sometime in late April/early May. Dr. Sobel's "Stress Reduction Techniques for Busy People" will most likely be the topic. Call me to reserve a spot, and for further information. Take Care. This session will be open to the public, and people from all occupations and "walks of life."

To contact Dr. Sobel for further information, write Dr. Sobel, c/o N.E.I.S.M., 132 Shaker Road, East Longmeadow, MA, 01028.

Advanced Life Saving Offered By Agawam Recreation Dept.

The Agawam Recreation Department is offering an advanced life saving course at the Agawam Junior High Pool beginning every Tues./Thurs. in March. The exact dates will be March 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, and 24 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each evening. Cost of the 8 (2½ hour sessions) will be \$40.00 per person. Cost includes all materials. There will be a limit of 20 students.

Instructor for the course will be Denise Cardona. Registration will held daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the recreation office located at the Agawam High School—right side driveway, rear entrance. Look for the signs.

For further information, contact the recreation department at 786-0400, Extension 456.

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Eventually, the brace could be reserved for use only during strenuous athletic activities. Therefore, the knee can work normally during activities of daily living. Physical therapy helps a significant amount of people make the transition out of braces. Hopefully, with the proper guidance, you can see that brace spend more time in the closet than on your knee.



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Longmeadow Square Dancers Set Next Dance March 5th

The next regular dance of the Longmeadow Square Dance Club will be held Saturday, March 5th, at 8:00 p.m., at the Williams Middle School, Woolworth Street off Bliss Road, Longmeadow.

Red Bates will be calling, and Rita & George Taravella will cue the rounds.

All square dancers are most welcome.

For further information, call Russ & Eloise Hoekstra, 567-5295.

The John Colby Family Announces Birth Of Daughter

John & Donna Colby of Agawam are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Erin Marie, born February 14th at Wesson Women's Hospital. Erin weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 22 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Benjamin & Beverly McCullough of Agawam.

Paternal grandparents are Ed & Gloria Colby of Agawam. The great-grandfather is Wallace Whitehead, Sr., of Day Street, Feeding Hills.

Commerce Class of '38 Schedules 50th Reunion

The 50th reunion of the 1938 graduating class, High School of Commerce, will be held at the Colosseum Banquet House, West Springfield, Sunday, May 1st.

The reunion committee has been trying to locate more class members, and would appreciate hearing from anyone who has not been contacted. Any information will be greatly appreciated.

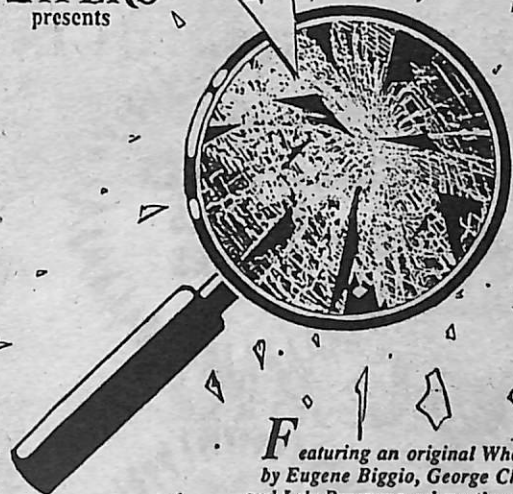
Committee members are Terry (Baldarelli) Ugolini, 733-6266, or Shirley (Bennett) Beausoleil, 736-5973.

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IN PHOTO ABOVE, enjoying the Thursday night card party at the Community Grange, Feeding Hills, are Gerald Celley, Nellie Maynard, Elvia Bettinger, and Irene Sponberg. BOTTOM PHOTO - Florence Blish, Audrey Phillips, Rhea Duclos, and Hannah Binns formed another foursome. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Corned Beef Hash

Ingredients:

1 can corned beef

1/2 cup sour cream

2 tablespoons or 1 small yellow onion minced

Method:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Mix the three ingredients together and press into a buttered baking dish. Bake for approximately 25 minutes.

Rock Cornish Game Hens

After game hens are thawed if you are using frozen birds, dry with a paper towel to get rid of moisture on the skin. In a hot skillet, put 1 1/2 tablespoons oil and 1 1/2 tablespoons butter. When melted brown the outside of the birds in the oil. This will only take a few minutes.

Inside each hen place a clove of garlic, 1 tablespoon chopped onion and salt and pepper to taste.

Put hens in a baking dish and place in a preheated 450 degree oven. The hens will be done in approximately 40 minutes. Baste the hens with melted butter occasionally as they cook.

Broiled Fish Fillets

Turn the broiler on and preheat the oven. Brush each fish fillet with melted butter and sprinkle with salt, pepper, paprika and parsley, on both sides.

Put the fish on the broiling rack, and place about three inches from the burner.

For thick fish it will take about 8 minutes; for thinner fish like sole, test after 5 minutes. When fish turns a milky color and springs back to the touch, it is done.

Veal Chops Broiled

Preheat the broiler and place each veal chop on the broiling pan. Sprinkle each side with a small amount of rosemary—fresh or dried. Each side of the chop must be cooked approximately 12 minutes. Half way through the broiling of each side, baste with white wine. Salt and pepper to taste just before serving.

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Rudy & Peg Altobelli Feted For 25th



MILL STREET RESIDENT RUDY & PEG ALTOBELLI were feted to a surprise 25th wedding anniversary party at the Holiday Inn, Springfield, Sunday, February 14th. Some 70 family members and friends attended the gala occasion. Rudy & Peg have four children - Christine, Cathy, Bobby, and Nancy, and one grandchild, Roger. Also attending were Peggy's parents, Gus & Christina Lehberger of Agawam, and their daughter Christine's husband, Roger Sircar. Both Rudy & Peg are familiar figures both at St. John's Church and various civic organizations over the years. Congratulations to both.

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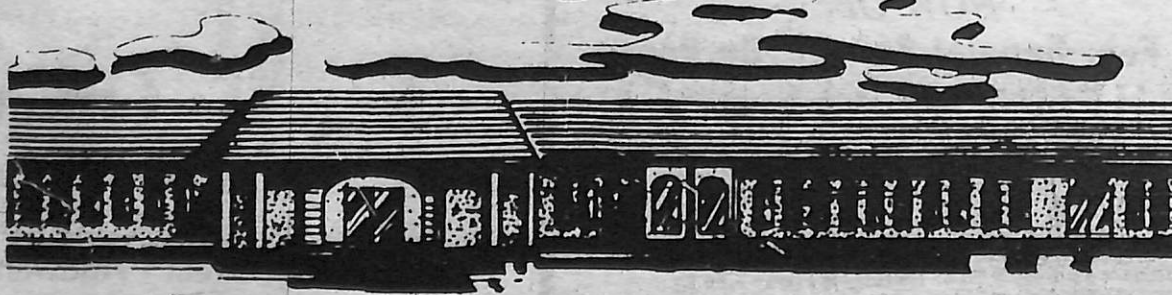
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PHILM REVIEW

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Entertainment Editor

"Ironweed" Good Flick

—Action Jackson: 1½ STARS

This poorly made film stars Carl Weathers as Jericho "Action" Jackson, a maverick Detroit police detective who locks horns with a psychotic automobile tycoon (Craig T. Nelson) who employs a band of ninja-like assassins to carry out his most nefarious plans.

Weathers (who's best known for playing Apollo Creed in the four *Rocky* pictures) is a very good actor, and this movie gives him a well-deserved opportunity to demonstrate his talent in his first starring role. He provides the suave, well-educated character of Action Jackson with a ruggedly charismatic and sharp-witted persona which renders this black lawman as a rousing hero who uses both his brains and his brawn to accomplish whatever he sets out to do.

In the meantime, the supporting performances are also fine, especially Nelson (*Poltergeist II: The Other Side*) as the story's power-hungry and dangerously loony villain, and singer Vanity as a drug-addicted chanteuse who is befriended and helped by Weathers' character.

Unfortunately, the solid acting that is evident on the screen is outweighed by the second-rate efforts behind the cameras. As a rule, action-oriented adventures have farfetched plots which are necessary to accommodate larger-than-life physical drama, but this particular film is so outlandishly simpleminded that it is insulting to our intelligence.

A sloppily written and directed picture, *Action Jackson* is burdened with slapstick humor that's too silly to be funny, preposterous car chases which wouldn't pass muster in a *Smoky and the Bandit* flick, and scenes of sadistic violence that are too tacky and grisly to be regarded as a source of exciting entertainment.

Since movies featuring black heroes are an all-too-rare commodity, Hollywood does deserve some credit for making *Action Jackson* in the first place. Yet, in view of the disappointing result, the film industry proves once again that good intentions do not automatically guarantee good pictures.

—Cry Freedom: 2½ STARS

A well-meaning but run-of-the-mill drama that focuses on the controversial issue of apartheid in turbulent South Africa via the real-life friendship that developed in the mid 1970's between Donald Woods (Kevin Kline), a Caucasian newspaper editor, and Stephen Biko (Denzel Washington), a black political activist who eventually paid the ultimate price for opposing his nation's racist white government.

Directed by Richard Attenborough, who gave us the unforgettable, Oscar-winning epic *Gandhi*, *Cry Freedom* is effective in depicting the oppression that the black people of South Africa experience under the inhumane system of apartheid, as well as making us feel sympathy for these undeniably downtrodden people and anger towards their country's self-serving and uncaring Caucasian leaders.

However, while the movie succeeds on an emotional level, it falls short in terms of its educational impact. *Cry Freedom* ultimately comes off as superficial propaganda which does not really teach us anything new about the complexities of apartheid, and this lack of depth weakens the film's ability to be a strong political commentary.

What's more, a large portion of this long-winded story does not even deal with the racial problems in South Africa. Since the character of Stephen Biko had but a brief time in the spotlight of contemporary South African history, his life does not have enough of the

kind of dramatic substance that is needed to sustain the plotline of a two-and-a-half hour picture such as this one.

Therefore, Attenborough spends the last half of the movie dealing with the character of Donald Woods, and especially how he and his family attempt to flee South Africa once they become victims themselves of the apartheid government. As a consequence of this shift in the story, *Cry Freedom* stops being a politically-oriented film and winds up being a routine adventure of risk-filled escape.

On a more positive note, the acting in this picture is memorable. Washington (TV's *St. Elsewhere*) managed to earn a well-deserved Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actor by playing Stephen Biko as a conscientious and eloquent man who possessed the sort of commanding presence that made him a natural and much beloved leader for the black citizens of South Africa.

In the part of Donald Woods, Kline (*Silverado*) is engaging as an upstanding individual who, by way of his relationship with Biko, develops a sense of obligation to do whatever he can to oppose apartheid. Initially an armchair liberal who actually knew little about the plight of his black countrymen, this character becomes an outspoken activist in his own right, and Kline portrays his transformation in a most credible and moving fashion.

—Ironweed: 3 STARS

Adapted by William Kennedy from his Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of the same title, this splendidly acted and exquisitely photographed movie tells the heart-wrenching story of a pair of Depression-era hobos (Jack Nicholson and Meryl Streep) who've been friends for nine years and how their relationship has helped to keep them both physically and emotionally alive.

Directed by Hector Babenco (*Kiss of the Spider Woman*), *Ironweed* is an extremely depressing and belabored drama that wallows in the despair and unhappiness of its tragic characters. But, while it is undoubtedly not the type of film that is pleasant to sit through, it does showcase a variety of outstanding performances, including such supporting players as Fred Gwynne (TV's *The Munsters*) as a sad bartender, Carroll Baker in the part of Nicholson's ex-wife, and Tom

Waits as a wino who's dying of cancer.

However, the real strength of this picture lies with the acting by both Nicholson and Streep. To be frank, I haven't been entirely fond of the work that these celebrated performers have turned out in the last few years. For instance, Nicholson's *Prizzi's Honor* and Streep's *Plenty*—as well as their last movie together, the 1986 letdown *Heartburn*—came across to me as artsy and highfalutin flicks that were geared to uppity film critics.

Yet, now, in *Ironweed*, they have managed to be in a solid drama that is worthy of their exceptional talents, and their latest efforts are most worthy of the Academy Award nominations that they've recently received.

Nicholson's character in this story is a onetime baseball player whose personal life hit the skids because of an unfortunate accident. Since that time, he has become an alcoholic drifter who lives his life one day at a time and is constantly haunted by the ghosts of his troubled past.

Besides depicting his role with the perfect amount of unrelenting self-pity, Nicholson infuses this individual with unflappable dignity and a sense of humor, as if to imply that he has somehow grown content with his squalid existence.

Meanwhile, in the smaller of the two leading parts, Streep plays a now-impooverished woman who was an aspiring singer from a well-to-do family. But, unlike Nicholson, her character is more bitter about the way her life has turned out, and the intensity of this painful feeling is clearly expressed through a sadly touching performance that represents Streep's finest portrayal since she won an Oscar for the title role in the acclaimed picture *Sophie's Choice*.

*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

—Action Jackson: Rated R for nudity, strong profanity, and its overabundance of graphic and gory violence.

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Performance dates are February 25, 26, and 27 at 8

p.m., and March 3, 4, and 5 at 8 p.m. and March 6 at 2 p.m. at Emmanuel Church Theater, 761 Sumner Ave., Springfield. Ticket prices are \$4 for the Thursday performances and Sunday matinee; admission for the Friday and Saturday shows are \$6, general public and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

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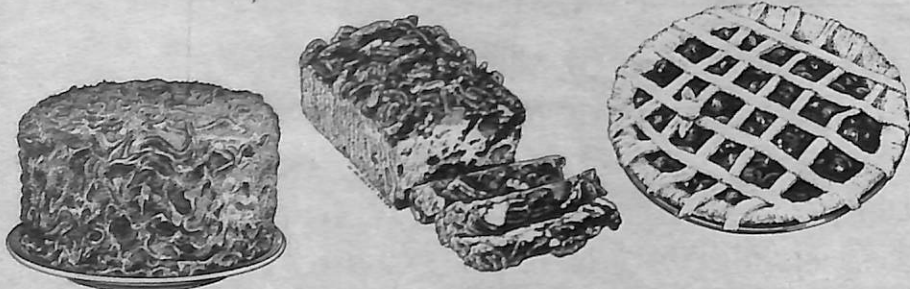


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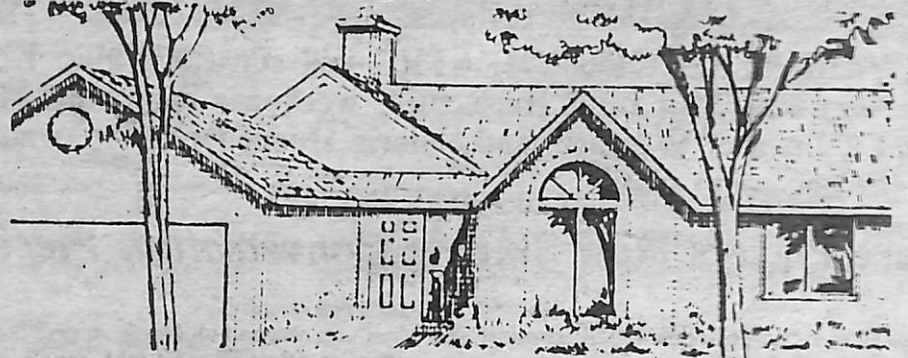
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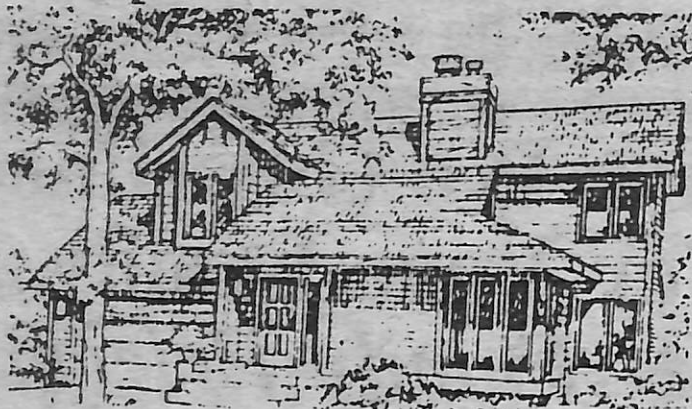


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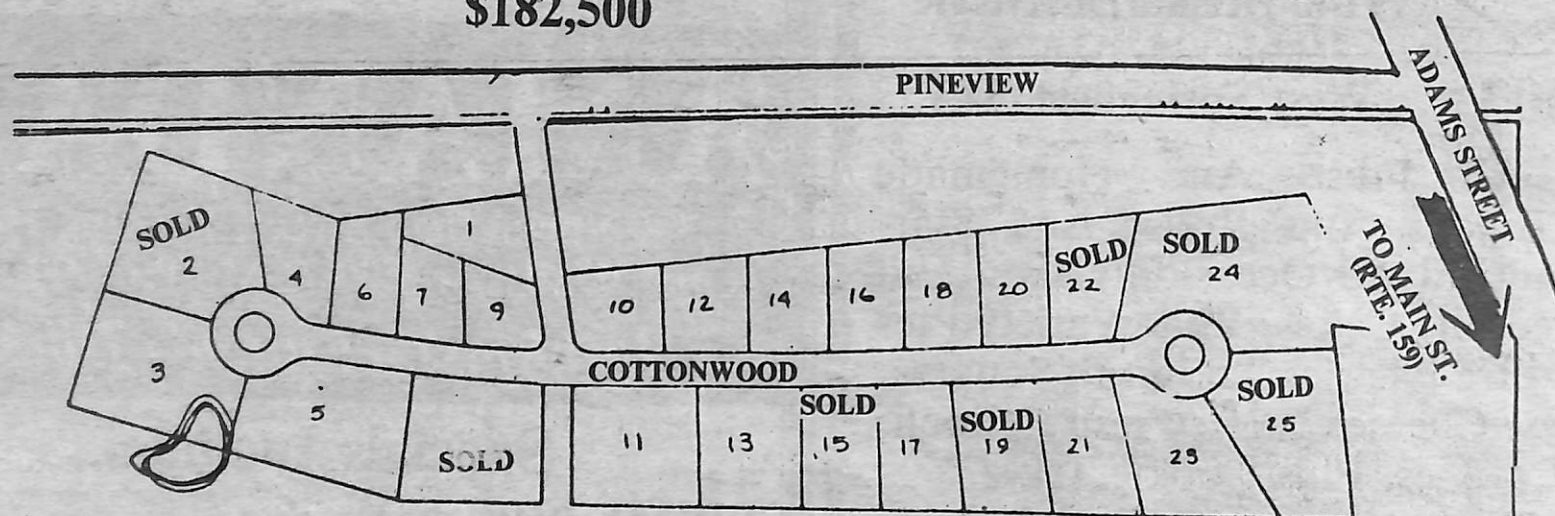
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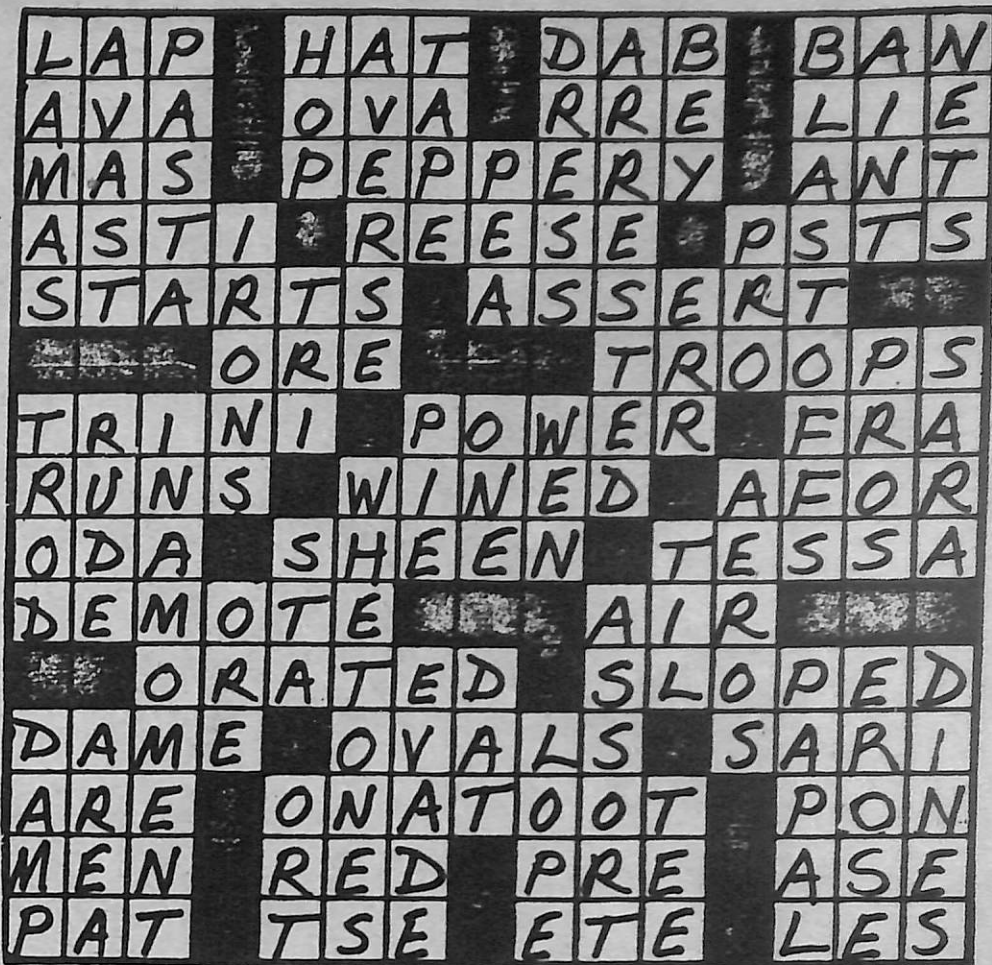
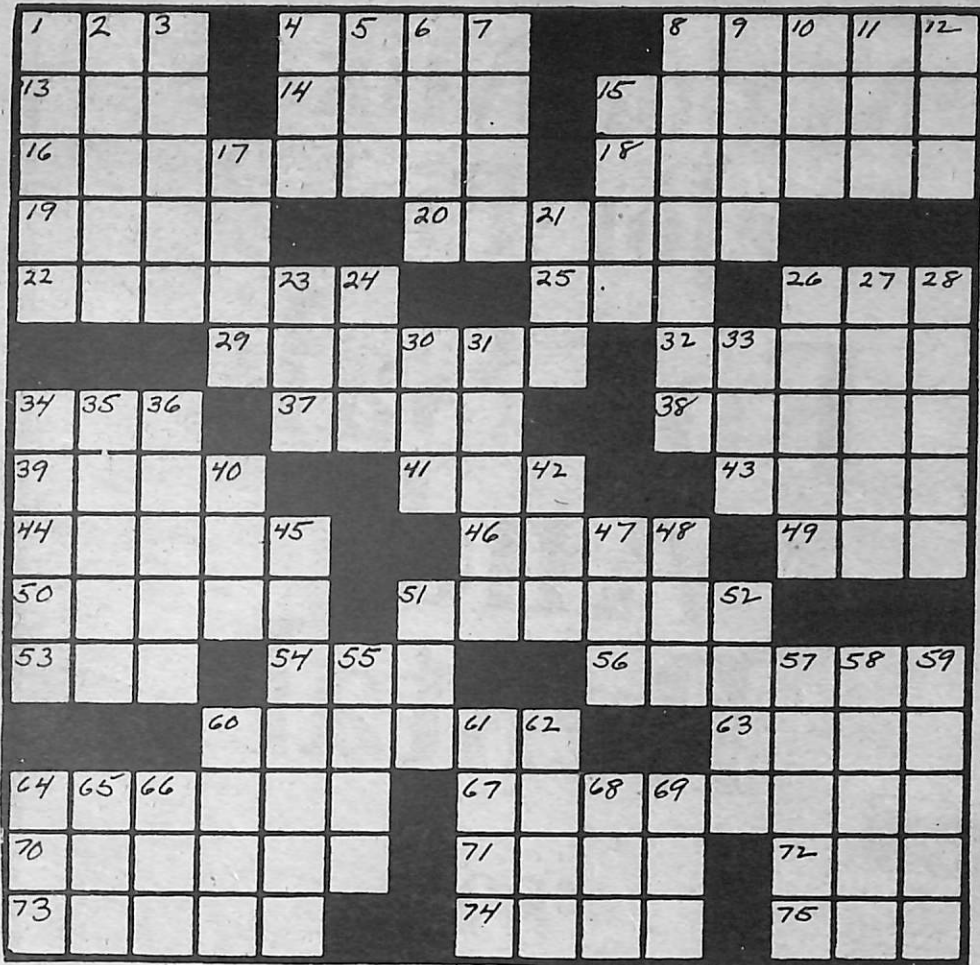


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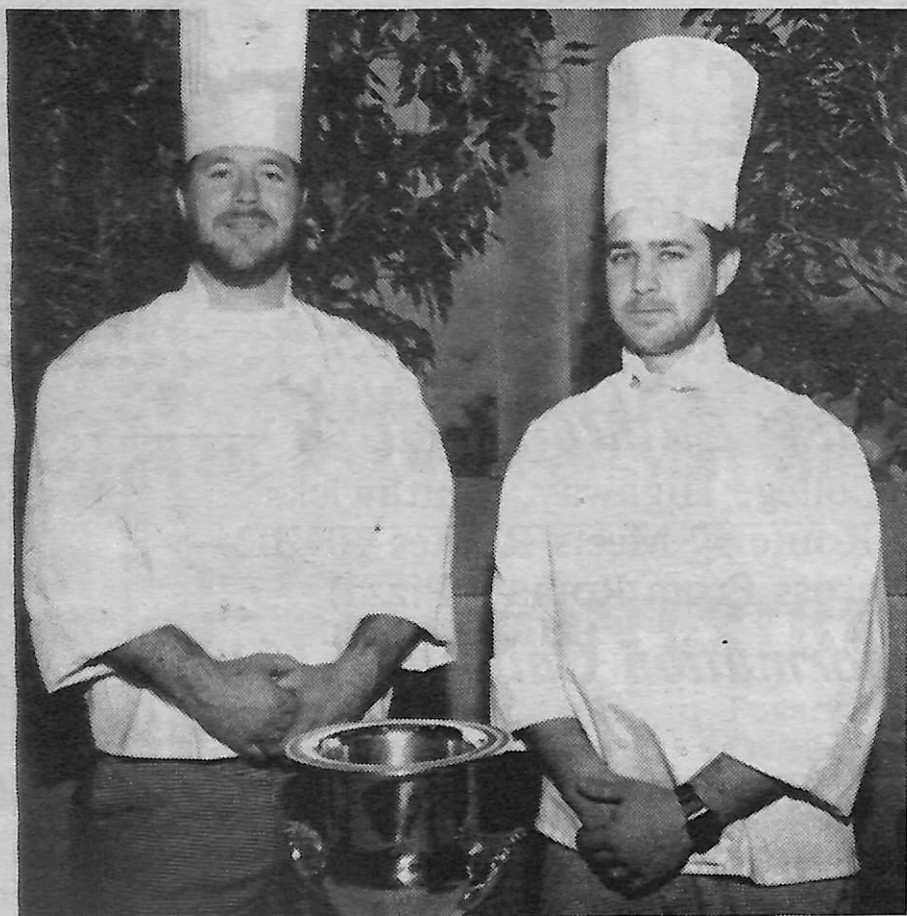
Chez Josef Chefs Win 3rd Place In Faneuil Hall Ice Carving

Gary Masotti of Senator Avenue, and Richard Gloster of Suffield Street, won third prize in the Third Annual Ice Carving Competition at Faneuil Hall Marketplace earlier this month. Masotti and Gloster, chefs at the Chez Josef Restaurant, won a \$500 cash prize for their "Rings of Honor" ice carving. This is the first year that Chez Josef has participated in the growing competition.

The Ice Carving Competition's timely theme turned the Marketplace into a Winter Olympic wonderland with carvings in the shapes of ice hockey players, skiers, figure skaters, and the Olympic symbol, filling Faneuil Hall Marketplace's South Market Street.

Fifteen teams, including the Ritz-Carlton, Westin Hotel, and the Bostonian, began carving Wednesday, February 3rd, and continued to work through bitter cold and snow until Saturday morning, February 6th. Each team worked with 18 300-pound blocks of ice, chain saws, tongs, and chisels as thousands of Marketplace visitors watched the creation of the works of ice.

"We are extremely pleased with the enthusiasm and competitive level of the carvers. We hope the Marketplace Ice Carving Competition continues to attract more and more teams and spectators each year," explained Tom Gilmore, group marketing manager at Faneuil Hall Marketplace.



CHEZ JOSEF CHEFS Gary L. Masotti (left) and Richard P. Gloster, both of Agawam, show-off the third place trophy they received for their ice carving in Boston earlier this month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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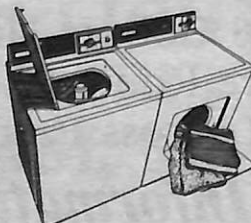
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Guy McLain, Archivist and Genealogy Librarian at the Springfield City Library, will present a two-session discussion and workshop on how to write a diary or family history at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, March 13th and 20th, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

For the genealogists there will be an explanation of how to create family tree charts and how these charts can assist you in putting together a vivid history of your family. Included in the activities will be a discussion of how these "treasures in the attic" (like all those old letters, photographs, and memorabilia you stashed away years ago) can be put together to create a living portrait of your family's history.

Also included in the two sessions will be a discussion of the valuable information that can be gleaned from diaries and family histories and why it's important for you to keep these "annals of yesterday." Excerpts from famous and not so famous diaries will be discussed to illustrate this point, and actual 18th and 19th-century diaries and letters from the Springfield City Library archives will be on display.

Prior to his appointment at the library, McLain served as a member of the University of Massachusetts archival staff. There he organized several significant historical collections including the Frank Prentice Rand Papers, and the Chancellor Oswald Tippe Collection. Since coming to the Springfield City Library, he has organized the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company Collection, the Ames Sword Company Collection, and the Roger L. Putnam Papers, among others.

He has a master's degree in Library Science from the University of Rhode Island and a bachelor's degree in History from the University of Massachusetts. McLain, who is a popular area speaker, is author of *The Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company: An Archival Guide*, and has contributed to the *Historical Journal of Massachusetts*.

The cost for these two workshops is \$6 for members, and \$8 for non-members. Pre-registration and prepayment are required; please contact the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, 732-3080, if you would like more information.

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The course will be taught in a planned progression. Students will master basic skills, and learn more complex basketry techniques. This class is recommended for students with some previous basketry experience so they can build on the elementary steps they have already mastered. Participants will complete three to four types of baskets, which will include a large Welsh potato basket, hearth basket, Shaker drop-handle, and round twined basket.

Participants should bring the following supplies to the first class: a pail or bucket measuring at least

10"X10", a utility knife, awl, 12 clip clothespins, scissors, pencil, measuring tape, and dental floss.

Pre-registration and payment are required, and must be received at least one week before the start of the course. For further information, please call the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, 732-3080.

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Works Of Judy Anderson On Display At Public Library

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce an exhibit of artwork by Judy Anderson of Feeding Hills, from Tuesday, March 1st, to Saturday, April 30th.

The exhibit will include wildlife paintings of New England birds in oil and acrylics. Also included in the

exhibit are bird and duck decoys that have been painted by Ms. Anderson.

The public is invited to view the works in the library's gallery during regular library hours, Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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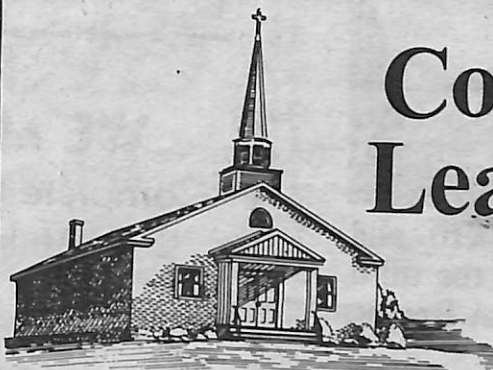
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"Guys & Dolls" All Smiles At Agawam High

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The Agawam High School Music Department will present the entertaining musical performance of "Guys & Dolls" at 7:30 p.m., in the school's auditorium, Thursday, March 3rd, and Friday, March 4th. Senior citizens may attend the dress rehearsal, Wednesday, March 2nd, at 7:30 p.m.

AHS music instructor Steve Files, who is directing the production said, "This show is a classic Broadway musical; it's not upbeat or jazz. We hope to do a good job with costumes and lights and a representational setting. It will be done as it was on Broadway. The cast consists of approximately 30 students."

Drama coach Margo Poulin added, "Our Music Director is Scott Thomson. Our musicians will be sophomore Wendy Pudlo as the pianist, with guest pianist Michael Rheault, a 1972 AHS graduate. Rheault has been playing for many years and is extremely good. He played for us in our production of "Grease" and, if I remember correctly, played at "The Sound of Music" when he attended AHS."

"Joe Bourbonnais, who presently attends the University of Hartford, will be our guest drummer, and Chris Hamel will be our guest bass. Chris now attends Holyoke Community College."

The students have been practicing during music classes every day after school and some evenings. Full technical rehearsals will begin this week, every night (which include everything except costumes).

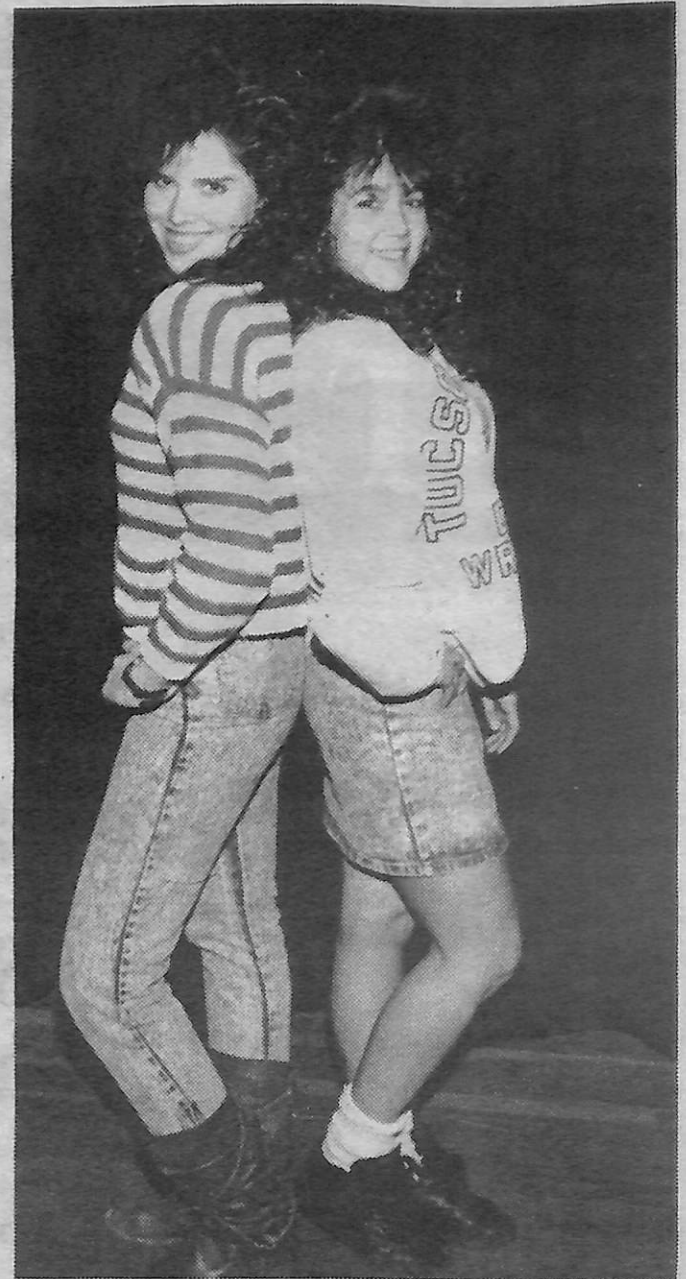
Files said, "Robert Scandorf Feeding Hills is doing the lighting. He has assisted us in the past. Ray Dudley of "Fantasy Costumes" in Springfield, will be doing the costumes. He is quite well-known."

Tickets are on sale (\$4 per person) and reservations can be made by calling 789-1400, extension 410, between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; or you may purchase available seats at the door.

Files concluded, "AHS Band Director Darcy Davis has stated that "Guys & Dolls" is one of the top 10 musicals of all time."



CAST MEMBERS OF "Guys & Dolls" to be staged at Agawam High School include (top row, from left - Steve Yager, Wendy Pudlo, Valentina Rocca, Jamie Milici, Dave Fazio, Kim Leask, and Chris Cosgrove. Bottom row - Sean Welch and Lynn Pandolfi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LEGGY KIM LEASK and LYNN PANDOLFI are sharing starring roles in "Guys & Dolls" at Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Joe Bourbonnais Achieves U of Hartford Dean's List

Joe Bourbonnais, son of Michael and Elaine Bourbonnais, of 78 Tina Lane, Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Hartford. Joe is majoring in electrical engineering. Joe is a 1987 promerito graduate of Agawam High School and was active as the president and drummer for Jazz Band, vice-president of Marching Band and Concert Band and an active singer, dancer and drummer for Show Choir.



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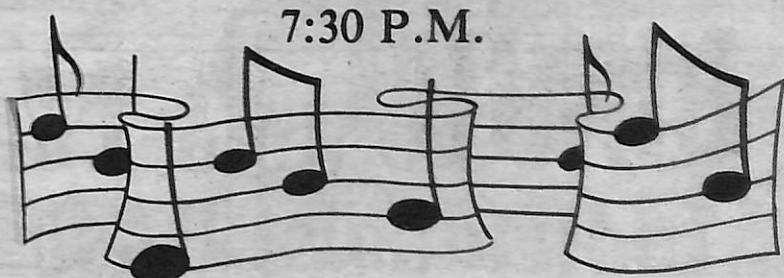
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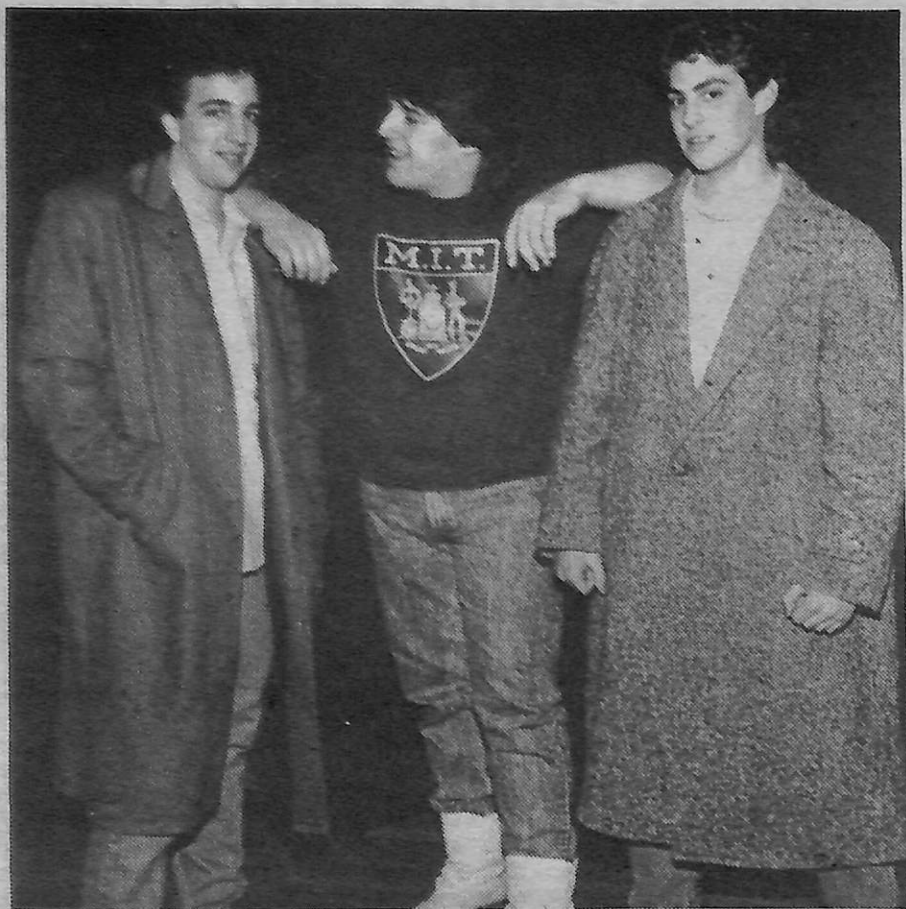


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"Guys & Dolls" Set To Open At AHS



PICTURED ABOVE (clockwise) are members of the cast of the upcoming Agawam High Music Department production of "Guys & Dolls." In first photo, Jamie Milici, Dave Fazio, and Valentina Rocca all have leading roles; cast members Sean Welch (Benny), Steve Yagar (Nicely), and Chris Cosgrove (Harry) discuss their upcoming scene; and pianist Wendy Pudlo practices a tune with Dave Fazio. Tickets can be obtained by calling the Agawam High School, 789-1400, extension 410, weekdays, between 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Future Problem-Solving Again Being Pursued In Agawam Schools

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Student teams and parent/teacher coaches have once again been participating in the curriculum project of Future Problem Solving this year. FPS is a program of inter-scholastic competition on the state and national level designed to teach students the creative solving process through the use of futuristic problems.

Agawam Coordinator Ann Mary Bradford for FPS has organized and coached many academically talented teams from our community for the past several years. Mrs. Bradford also initiated and presently instructs all four elementary schools in town for the gifted and talented program (Project S.E.E.). Each fall she conducts a training session for new coaches in FPS.

Susan DiMare, a FPS coach for two years, supervised the registered team in Agawam this year. The team must pay a registration fee to the judges' panel in order to have their submitted problem solutions evaluated for state competition. Last year Mrs. DiMare's team placed third in the state competition.

Since November the teams have been working on Space Travel and The Elderly as two practice problems, and the third problem (Acid Rain) will be mailed to the judges and evaluated in March.

After the submitted Acid Rain problem is evaluated, a team scoring well may be invited to participate in the state competition held in May. Once a team receives the invitation to compete statewide, they will work on the state bowl problem entitled Immigration this year from March through May.

Mrs. Bradford explained that the overall goals of FPS are "to develop critical and creative thinking skills; to encourage students to make knowledgeable decisions after investigating varied sources; and to master skills of organization and precision in both written and oral communication."

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053.



SHARON BISBEE

Sharon Bisbee Graduates Southeastern Academy

After extensive training in Travel and Tourism Sharon Bisbee of Agawam is a successful graduate of Southeastern Academy, located in Kissimmee, Florida. To complete the program of study, Sharon met the requirements for specialized occupational training plus work in business professionalism and career development. Sharon is now qualified and ready to begin her career in the Travel and Tourism Industry.

Westfield State Names "Who's Who" Electees

The 1988 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* will include the names of 27 students from Westfield State College who have been selected as national outstanding leaders.

The campus nominating committee and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Selected were Douglas J. Allen, 20 Autumn Street, Agawam, Class of 1988, Mass Communication major; Abraham Kasparian, Jr., 161 School Street, Agawam, Class of 1988, Criminal Justice major; Denise M. Bourbonnais, 78 Tina Lane, Feeding Hills, Class of 1988, Mass Communication major.

Area Students Named To U of Hartford Dean's List

Ninety-eight full-time students at the College of Engineering, University of Hartford, have been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 1987-88 academic year. The list includes Michael Lemay of Agawam, and Thomas Gionfriddo of Feeding Hills.



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Local Girl Scouts Spend Overnight At Rollaway Rink

Over 200 local Girl Scouts and their families recently spent an evening skating at The Rollaway. After the skate, the girls participated in a tee-shirt contest. The winners were **Wildest—Krista Dean, Melissa Sheehan, Erica Small; Prettiest—Stacey Rennell, Lisa Parolo, Sarah Mathewson; and Most Original—Melissa Weinle, Jaime Sternowski, Karen Smith.**

At 9:00 p.m., the families left and 92 girls, plus leaders and other adult chaperones remained behind for a sleep-over. The girls were divided into four color groups. Each group rotated between four different activity centers which were located on various sections of

the rink. Each section conducted a specific activity. There was a large, primary-colored parachute (for parachute games), a section on motion games, while the third group played the Rattlesnake game. At the fourth center, the girls were taught how to make a drinking cup out of plain typing paper. It really held water!!

Around 10:00 p.m., the girls all broke for a snack of hot cocoa and popcorn. Then the traditional Girl Scout Circle was formed for closing before bed. Each troop shared a special song they had practiced, with the other troops. At the stroke of midnight, the lights were

shut off and all went to their respective sleeping bags which were strategically placed on the rink.

The girls found the rink a very exciting place to sleep, while the leaders had visions of comfortable beds at home. The last of the girls—those "Jazzy Juniors"—finally drifted off around 3:00 a.m., much to the delight of the adults in attendance. The courageous leaders slept with one eye open through the wee hours of the morning.

We all awoke at 7:30 a.m., to a bright new day, and breakfast, including orange juice, fruit, and donuts. The girls left to go home between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m.



ABOUT 200 local Girl Scouts recently spent the entire night at the Rollaway Skating Rink on Main Street. **PICTURED ABOVE** (clockwise): Stacy Rennell, Krista Sirois, and Sara Cote are about to embark on a skating jaunt around the rink; Organizing their sleeping bags are Alicia Daigneau, Alison Ritter, Melissa Montagna, and Cindy Turcotte; last photo - Melissa Weinle, Megan Shannon, and Julie Skiba. According to group leaders, the last of the gals finally nestled off to slumberland about 3:00 a.m., but were up for a nice breakfast at 7:30 a.m. There were many weary eyes that left the Rollaway between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Kristina Candido Chosen Semifinalist In 'Teen Model Search

Kristina Candido, 17, of Agawam, has been chosen as a semifinalist in *Teen Magazine's* 1988 "Great Model Search," one of the nation's biggest annual hunts for new modeling talent.

Her photo will appear in the February issue of *Teen* as one of the 116 semifinalists in her region. She now becomes eligible for selection as a contest "super" semifinalist, the next step in winning the competition, which appears in the June issue. She is one of 27,000 girls to enter the contest.

Teen, which has a 3.6 million readership, boasts a long history of discovering talent. Cheryl Tiegs, Christina Ferrare, Cindy Horrell, and Cheryl Ladd are a few of the top models who began their careers on the pages and cover of *Teen*.

This year's "Great Model Search" winner will appear on the cover of *Teen* and win a \$5,000 cash award from Maybelline and an appearance in a national Maybelline ad, and a \$5,000 modeling contract with The Gillette Company, and a \$1,000 wardrobe from the Ups 'N Downs Stores.

The contest is for teenagers 12-18 in the United States and Canada. Contest information is available in current issues of *Teen*. The 1988 contest is officially closed. Entries for the 1989 contest will appear in the November 1988 issue of *Teen*.

Kristina is a senior at Agawam High School. She is the daughter of Jo Anne and Dominic Candido.

Parent Info Night Slated For Kindergarten Screening

In preparation for Agawam's Kindergarten Registrations and Screening, a parent information night will be held Wednesday, March 16th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria.

Parents of all children entering kindergarten in September 1988 are invited to attend. The program will be to answer questions parents might have, and discuss the screening process and medical requirements for entering kindergarten.

Check Our Classified

Lioness & D.A.R.E.



AGAWAM LIONESS PRESIDENT Alice Olson presents Project D.A.R.E. coordinator, Office Wayne Macey (center) a check to support the program at Phelps School. Looking on is Phelps Principal William Miller, and students Kaitlin White and Jason Rheame. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

Check Our Classifieds

Granger Elementary PTO To Hold Dance March 12th

The Granger Elementary School PTO will sponsor a dance, Saturday, March 12th, from 8:30 to 12:30 a.m. with benefits awarded in scholarships to Agawam High School seniors this year.

This will be the Third Annual Scholarship Dance of the Granger PTO, and the public is always invited. Parents of high school students have an opportunity to increase scholarships by joining the fun at the Polish American Club.

"Hill of a Sound" will provide the music, and there will be trivia prizes, raffles, and refreshments served. Tickets will be on sale this month through Granger PTO members and at the door for \$6 per person. Table reservations can be made by contacting Sandy Dubay, 786-8055 in advance.

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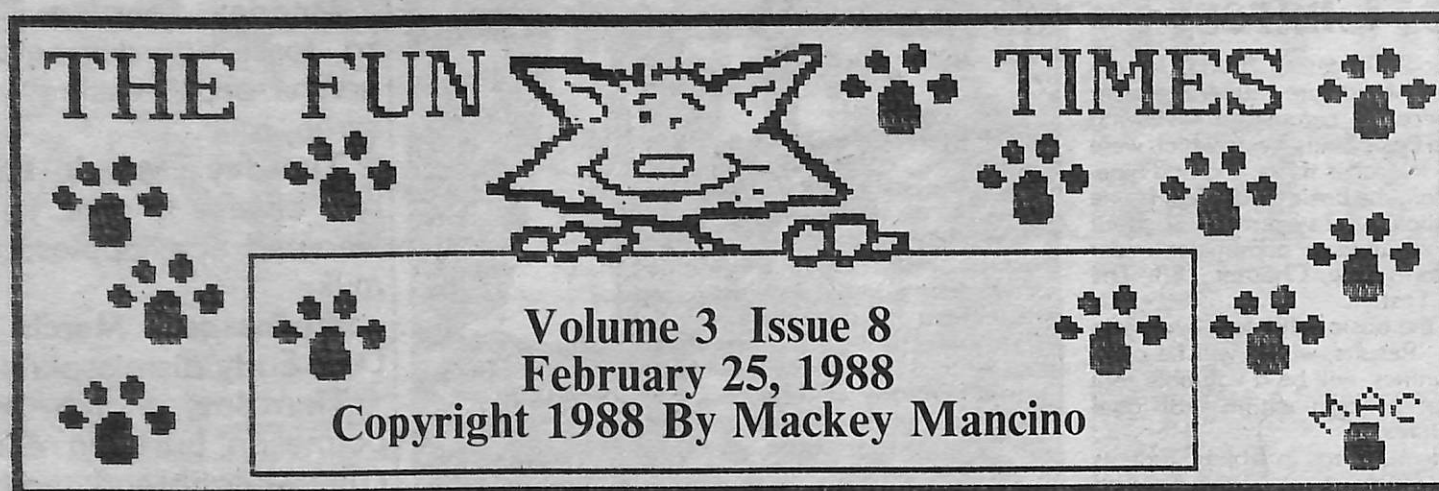


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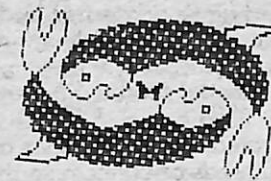
Well, no more lying around. How was your first week back to school? The Winter Olympics will be coming to an end this weekend. February is almost gone, too. That means that Spring is right around the corner. Catch ya later!

****Did you know that Massachusetts had the first public school in 1635, and the first college in 1636?*****

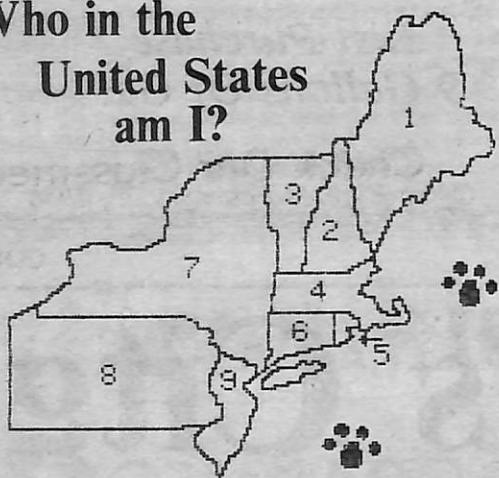
VOCABULARY CORNER

Pisces

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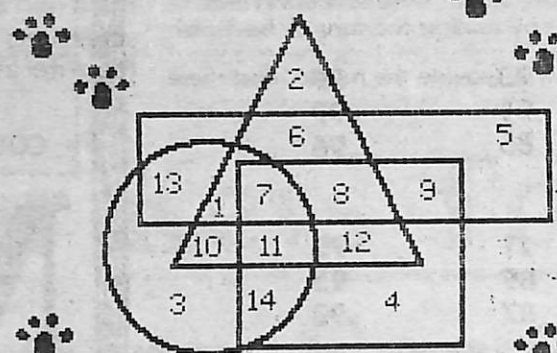


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- _____ is called the Garden State. The capital is Trenton.

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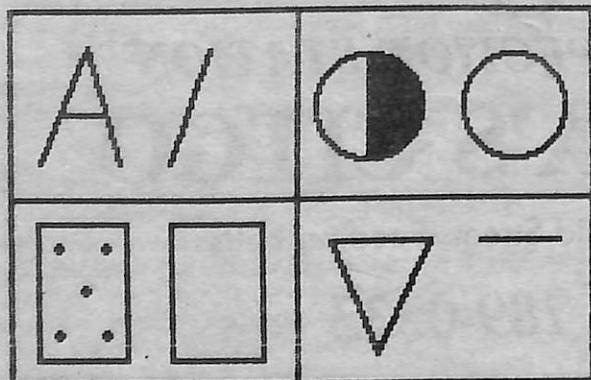


- What number is found in only the triangle and rectangle?
- What number is found in only the circle and the square?
- What number is found in all the shapes?
- What number is found only in the triangle, circle and rectangle?
- What number is only in the circle?
- What number is found only in the square and the rectangle?
- What number is found only in the triangle, circle and square?
- What number is found only in the triangle?

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Town Schools Do Well In Basic Skills Tests Say Bruno, Charest

Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno, Jr., announced today he and Associate Superintendent Donald Charest have recently completed reviewing results of state-mandated Basic Skills Tests which were administered to students in grades three, six, and nine.

Given annually in the fall, the Basic Skills Test is one of two examinations public school systems throughout the Commonwealth are required to administer under the New Education Reform Law, Chapter 188. The other is the Assessment Test.

Bruno points out that the basic skills test evaluates individual performance. "Results, which will be compared with other communities, will be a valuable tool for determining areas of concern within individual school systems," he declares.

Among the three academic areas in which students were tested included reading, math, and writing. Bruno relates that every third, sixth, and ninth grade student was required to take the test with the exception of those who either have limited English speaking ability, or are special needs students whose parents opted for them not to participate.

Throughout Massachusetts a total of 166,000 students in grades three, six, and nine were tested. One in five of all the children tested failed at least one of the tests administered. Statistics showed that overall, third graders scored the highest. Sixth grade finished second, and ninth graders scored 9 percent lower than third graders. Third grade in Agawam also scored highest overall.

Massachusetts scored 76 percent on the national level.

Bruno stated, "We view tests as a positive means of identifying areas of concern so that improvements can be instituted." Those students who do not meet the state standards will be placed in remedial programs.

The following table shows how Agawam students performed:

PER CENT PASSED		
READING	STATE	AGAWAM
Grade 3	93	97
Grade 6	86	94
Grade 9	84	96
MATH		
Grade 3	93	99
Grade 6	91	97
Grade 9	86	96
WRITING		
Grade 3	91	95
Grade 6	89	95
Grade 9	87	93

Bruno credits the commitment of the School Committee as well as the dedication of School Department's administrators, teachers, and parents for contributing to students' excellent results.



SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS James V. Bruno (standing) looks over basic skills tests results with Associate Superintendent Donald Charest. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, February 29th: Cheese pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, March 1st: Hamburg in roll, cheese fingers, peas and carrots, steamed rice, applesauce or pudding, milk.

Wednesday, March 2nd: In-Service Day. Early dismissal. No lunch.

Thursday, March 3rd: Veal patty parmesan, buttered macaroni, broccoli cuts, wheat bread and butter, fruit cup or chocolate brownie, milk.

Friday, March 4th: Oven baked fish nuggets, niblet corn, french fries, tartar sauce or catsup, ice cream, milk.

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Sports

AHS Matmen Roll Thru WM En Route To Title

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Well, the beat goes on. The Agawam High wrestling team dominated last Saturday's Division I WMass Tournament in taking its second straight title at Cathedral High School before nearly 2,000 fans.

The Brownies had this one in the pocket before the finals even began. When it was over, the locals has posted 258 total points to easily outdistance runnerup Westfield (196 points). Cathedral placed third (158.5), followed by Putnam (152), Central High (111.5), Longmeadow (109), and Ludlow (104).

As for awards, senior Jim Pirro received the "Wrestler of the Tournament" Award, and coach Phil Tomkiel was named "Coach of the Year." Both choices, of course, were unanimous.

Agawam sent 11 grapplers into the semifinals and eight to the finals. Five Brownies walked away with individual titles. They were the school's first three-time WM champ, senior Jim Pirro; two-time WM champs Tom Cascio and Tony Langone; and first-time winners Mike Gasteyer and Scott Mazza.

"This is something we worked for all year and it has paid off," said an excited coach Phil Tomkiel. "The guys went out there and did what they had to do. We just had too many guns for the rest of the field to handle. It was a terrific tournament for us."

Here is how all the Brownies wrestlers did in their respective weight classes:

103-frosh Andy Felix, seeded seventh. He received an opening round bye before being pinned by West Springfield's Jason McCormick with 30 seconds left in the second period in the quarterfinals. Felix was then beaten by Westfield's Kris Slowick, 2-1, in a consolation match. McCormick went on to win the title.

112-Michael Phelps, seeded third. He received an opening round bye. In the second round, he posted a 5-3 win. Then, in round three, he was stopped by

Westfield's second-seeded Mark Rokosz, 4-0, who went on to win the title. Phelps then pinned two opponents in the consolations to finish in third.

119-senior Joe Walz, seeded fifth. He received an opening round bye. In the second round, he pinned in 3:29. In round three, Walz was beaten by Cathedral's Angel Rivera, 10-5, the number one seed. Rivera went on to win the title. Walz went on to down two opponents in the consolations to finish in third place overall.

125-senior Jim Pirro, the top seed and two-time winner, pinned a Northampton opponent in the first round; recorded a technical fall over a wrestler from Taconic in the second round; downed an opponent from Putnam in the semifinals. In the finals, Pirro won a 17-9 decision over Cathedral's Mark Paglia, despite a painful arm injury. It was Agawam's first individual winner.

130-frosh Frank Demarinis, seeded fifth. He received an opening round bye. In round two, he lost of Westfield's Chris Malinowski. Demarinis downed two opponents in the consolations and finished fifth.

135-senior Tom Cascio, the top seed, received an opening round bye. In the second round, he downed a Cathedral opponent, 16-3. In the semifinals, he stopped a Putnam wrestler. In the finals, Cascio edged Westfield's Glen Lusignan, 10-9, giving Agawam its second individual winner. For Cascio, it was his second straight title.

140-senior Alan Boucher, the top seed, pinned a Cathedral opponent in the opening round. He pinned a Ludlow opponent in the second round, and then beat a Taconic wrestler in the semifinals. In the finals, Boucher was defeated by Westfield's Chad Girard, the second seed, 10-5. Boucher finished as the runnerup.

145-Mike Gasteyer, the top seed, pinned a Cathedral opponent in the opening round. He scored a technical

fall win over a Putnam opponent in round two, and then downed a Northampton wrestler in the semifinals. Gasteyer took Agawam's third individual title after Ludlow's Dave Kornacki was forced to retire after sustaining an injury. Gasteyer was leading, 9-3, when Kornacki retired.

152-Bill Berte, seeded second. He received a round one bye. In the second round, he pinned a Ludlow opponent, and in the semifinals, he defeated Westfield's Adam Liptak. In the finals, Berte lost a technical fall to Central's Duane Baidy, the top seed. Baidy is a three-time WM winner.

160-senior Tony Langone, the top seed, received a first round bye. He pinned a Cathedral opponent in the second round, and then downed another opponent in the semifinals. In the finals, Langone defeated Ludlow's Bill Bouyea, 6-2, for Agawam's fourth individual winner. The victory for Langone had some revenge in it - Bouyea beat him earlier in the year for Langone's only loss.

171-junior Jeff Retzler, seeded fourth, received a first round bye. In the second round, he pulled out a 1-0 win over a West Side opponent. In the semi's, Longmeadow's top seed, Sean Swords, beat Retzler. Retzler went on to win two consolation matches to finish third overall.

189-junior Rich DiLullo, seeded second, received an opening round bye. In the second round, he defeated a Central opponent, and in the semifinals, he beat a Longmeadow opponent. In the finals, DiLullo was stopped by Putnam's Jim Sulewski, 8-1, to finish second.

Heavyweight-senior Scott Mazza, the top seed, received a round one bye. He pinned all three opponents he faced, including Putnam's Kelley Jones in the finals with 1:09 remaining in the final period.

Tomkiel & Geiger Keys To Brownies Overwhelming Success

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The manner in which Agawam High School has been tearing-up opponents in the Western Mass. Division I Tournament for the past few years, it would be more appropriate to call the tournament "The AHS Wrestling Tournament" instead.

The Brownies have owned the event for two straight years, and they don't seem to want to share it with anyone. In fact, the locals have owned the regular season as well (for the past 2½ years).

The AHS wrestling team has posted back-to-back 16-0 campaigns. Before that it won 11 straight. The streak over the past three seasons is now 43 straight. If there was any doubt in anyone's mind that maybe these teams from the past three years were not all they were cracked up to be, that has been shattered.

The Brownies left some of their best wrestling when the regular season was over. Last year the locals boasted an amazing 10 grapplers in the WM finals. Six walked away with titles. In 1987-88, AHS sent eight to the finals. Five won titles. That's 11 titles in two years - almost half of all the weight classes in that two-year period.

Must be timing, right? Sure - that has something to do with it. But it's much more than that. A lot more. Especially when it comes to these athletes of AHS. You see, the school now has the tradition, the pride, and the lofty standards in this sport. The guys again responded.

What more, the school has the coaching - the best coaching around. That's right - THE BEST. Coach Phil Tomkiel, finishing his 14th straight year at the helm, is just beginning to get the recognition that has somehow eluded him in the past. He's been named as the Division I's "Coach of the Year" for the past two years.

Because of the school's extraordinary success in wrestling since the mid-1970's, Tomkiel is now considered right up with the best coaches of all-time at AHS. With the best!

And when you're talking assistant coaches, Gary Geiger also comes to mind. Geiger deserves a lot of accolades, too. He works as hard as the wrestlers do at practice and really takes a beating at times, but he has the kids' respect and admiration.

"Gary is an invaluable part of the team," says Tomkiel. "He really knows how to work all the guys. They respond to what he has to say. I've said all along that I was blessed with a super assistant."

As for himself, Tomkiel is always modest. He gives the kids all the credit. "The guys are the ones that have to go out on the mat and do the job. All Gary and I can do is to prepare them as best we know how."

Well, whatever these two guys are doing, it's sure working. And it worked again this year, especially in the tournament where the seniors went out in style as five of them picked-up individual titles.

The first title went to senior **Jim Pirro** in the 125-pound weight class. Pirro showed plenty of guts as he wrestled with pulled ligaments in his left wrist in the finals vs. Cathedral's Mark Paglia. He still went on to post an impressive, 17-9 win to take his third straight WM title. After the match, his left arm was in a sling.

Following the match, Pirro said, "No pain, no gain. I had to ignore it (the pain) during the match and do just what I had to do. I just wasn't going to let this one get away."

Senior **Tom Cascio**, at 135-pounds, got Agawam's second title. In the finals against Westfield, Glen Lusignan, Cascio fell behind early. He trailed, 4-3, at the end of the opening period. In the second period, he had leads of 5-4, 7-5, and 8-7.

Finally, after Lusignan tied the score at 8-8, Cascio got two points to go up, 10-8, with over a minute left in

the match. That proved to be the difference as he went on to post a thrilling, 10-9 victory.

Senior Mike Gasteyer, at 145-pounds, gave the locals their third winner. In the finals vs. Ludlow's Dave Kornacki, neither schoolboy scored any points in the first period. Kornacki went up 3-2, briefly, but Gasteyer scored two points with 10 seconds left to take a 4-3 lead into the final two minutes.

Gasteyer then took complete control as he went up, 9-3, with over a minute left in the period. This is when Kornacki sustained an injury which force him to retire.

Thanks to 160-pounder **Tony Langone**, the Brownies got their fourth title. The senior strongman had to fight off a tough challenge from Ludlow's Bill Bouyea, who gave Langone his only loss of the season.

After a scoreless first period, Bouyea went up, 1-0. Langone went up, 2-1, but Bouyea tied it up at 2-2. In the final period, Langone picked-up four points to take a 6-2 lead. Neither grappler scored any third period points.

The final AHS winner was senior heavyweight **Scott Mazza**, who's pins in the last match vs. Putnam and in the Commonwealth Cup gave the Brownies thrilling victories during the regular season.

Mazza stopped Putnam's Kelly Jones in the finals for the gold. After two periods, Mazza led, 10-1. In the third and final period, Mazza went up, 12-3, before putting Jones to the canvas with 1:09 left.

The pins brought the large AHS gallery to its feet at Cathedral High School, and the Brownies had won its second straight title, this time by 62 points over Westfield. No other team in WM is in the same class.

Now, it's on to the State Tournament, Saturday, February 27th, at huge Brockton High. The Brownies should be right up there fighting for the title.

West Side, Comp End AHS's VW Title Hopes

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Senior center Mike Norris hit an eight-foot turn-around jumper with two seconds remaining in overtime to give host West Springfield a dramatic, 63-61 upset victory, Tuesday, February 23rd, in a key Valley Wheel matchup.

With the loss the Brownies dropped to 14-5 overall (5-4 league). The win for West Side put it at 8-11 (5-4 league) and kept the Terriers post-season hopes alive. The Terriers fought back from a 12-point third period deficit and they took advantage of a big dry spell by Agawam in the final eight minutes.

The dry spell was a carbon copy of last Friday night's loss vs. first place Chicopee Comp. The Brownies only scored 6 points in the fourth (all by senior Chris Ollari) until senior guard Jim Lockwood hit a three-pointer with about five seconds on the clock with the game out of reach.

"We didn't play well down the stretch and it cost us," said a disappointed coach Mike Martin afterwards. "We just didn't do what we had to do in key situations. Obviously, this is a big disappointment for us. They (West Side) were in an all-or-nothing situation coming into the game and they responded."

This game was one of spurts. Each squad had its share of them, but the Terriers saved their best streak for the end when it counted to pull off the major upset. Actually, one might say West Side "stole" this one from the orange and brown.

The first quarter was strange. West Side came out and hit several shots to take a 4-0 lead. Meanwhile, the Brownies couldn't throw the ball in the ocean as they missed their first eight shots.

Senior Chris Ollari got the Brownies first point on a foul shot with 5:32 left in the quarter. West Side came back with two more hoops for an 8-1 lead. Then the locals got their wake-up call and began to play.

Senior guard Jim Lockwood flipped in a down-the-lane drive; senior Jeff Reece rebounded a missed shot and layed it in; John Serra nailed a 12-foot jumper; and sophomore Jason Wooley tossed in an eight-footer from the lane to cut West Side's lead to three points at 12-9.

With 52 seconds left in the quarter, Lockwood can-

ed two foul shots to make it 12-11, but WS hit a hoop for a 14-11 lead. Wooley swished a foul line jumper for a one-point game, and after senior Erich Fogg blocked a WS shot, senior Mike DiLullo scored on a fastbreak layup off a nice feed from Lockwood with eight seconds left. That hoop gave AHS a 15-14 lead going into the second quarter.

Martin sent out Wooley, DiLullo, Serra, Fogg, and Lockwood to start the next eight minutes, and this contingent was up and down the floor to get both the offense and defense flowing.

Wooley got the quarter's first hoop on a nifty left-baseline drive. After WS answered with a bucket, Serra hit a 10-footer from the right side on a nice feed from Wooley. Lockwood then scored the next six AHS points - 4 on two fastbreak layups and another inside bucket after he snagged an offensive rebound. WS then called a timeout with the Brownies now holding a 25-18 advantage.

WS outscored AHS, 11-7, the rest of the way. The locals' hoops came on a DiLullo five-foot banker; a Serra three-point bomb; and a Peterson baseline drive. At intermission, it was 32-28 in the Brownies' favor.

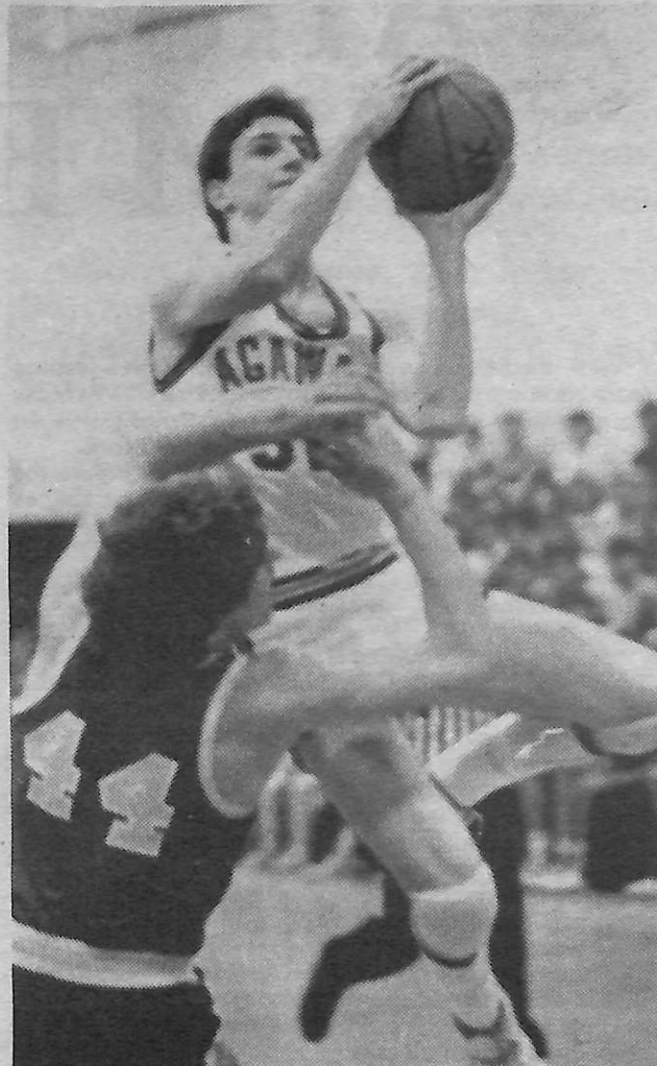
The third quarter offered several more spurts. Wooley put the locals up, 34-28, on a nice turnaround jumper from seven feet, but WS netted the next six points to knot it at 34-34. Peterson took a nifty feed from Wooley and hit a driving layup for a two-point edge, but WS forged ahead on Norris' three-point play (37-36).

The Brownies then ran off the next 13 points for a 49-37 lead. In this spurt Peterson netted 11 points as he sank four foul shots, two layups, and a three-point bomb from the left side. WS had enough and they called time.

After the brief break, the Terriers went on a 7-2 spurt to make it 51-44 going into the final period.

The final stanza proved to be both an ugly and painful one for AHS. They scored only six points in the entire quarter while the Terriers netted 13. The hometowners scored two early hoops (Lockwood and Peterson had layups), but then they went over six minutes without a single point. Now it was a nail-biter.

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A COMP FORWARD draws a charge from Agawam High senior forward Mike DiLullo last Friday night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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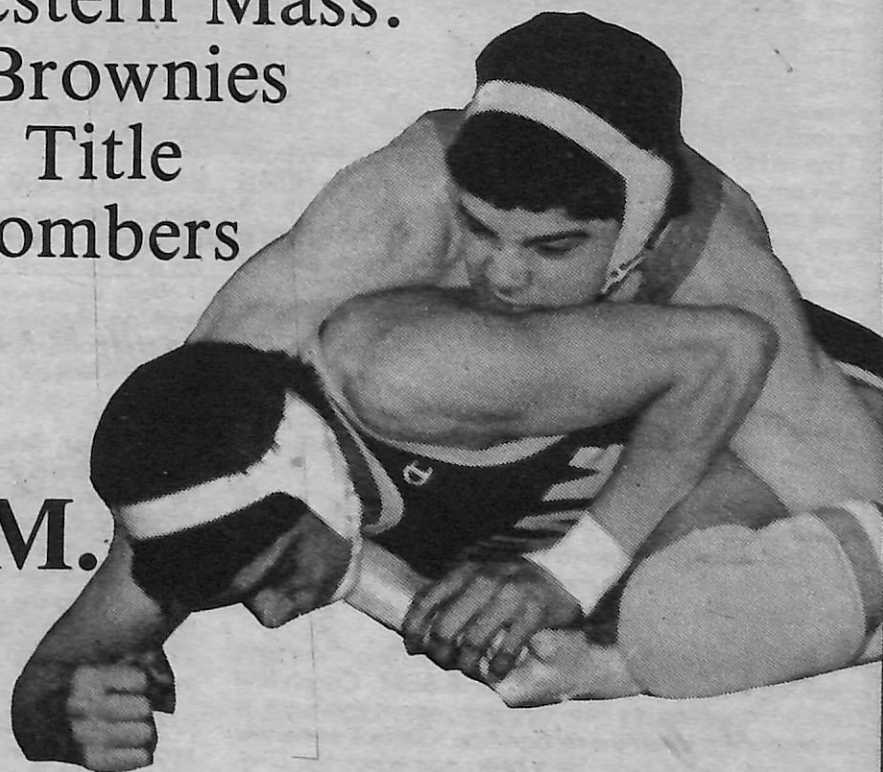
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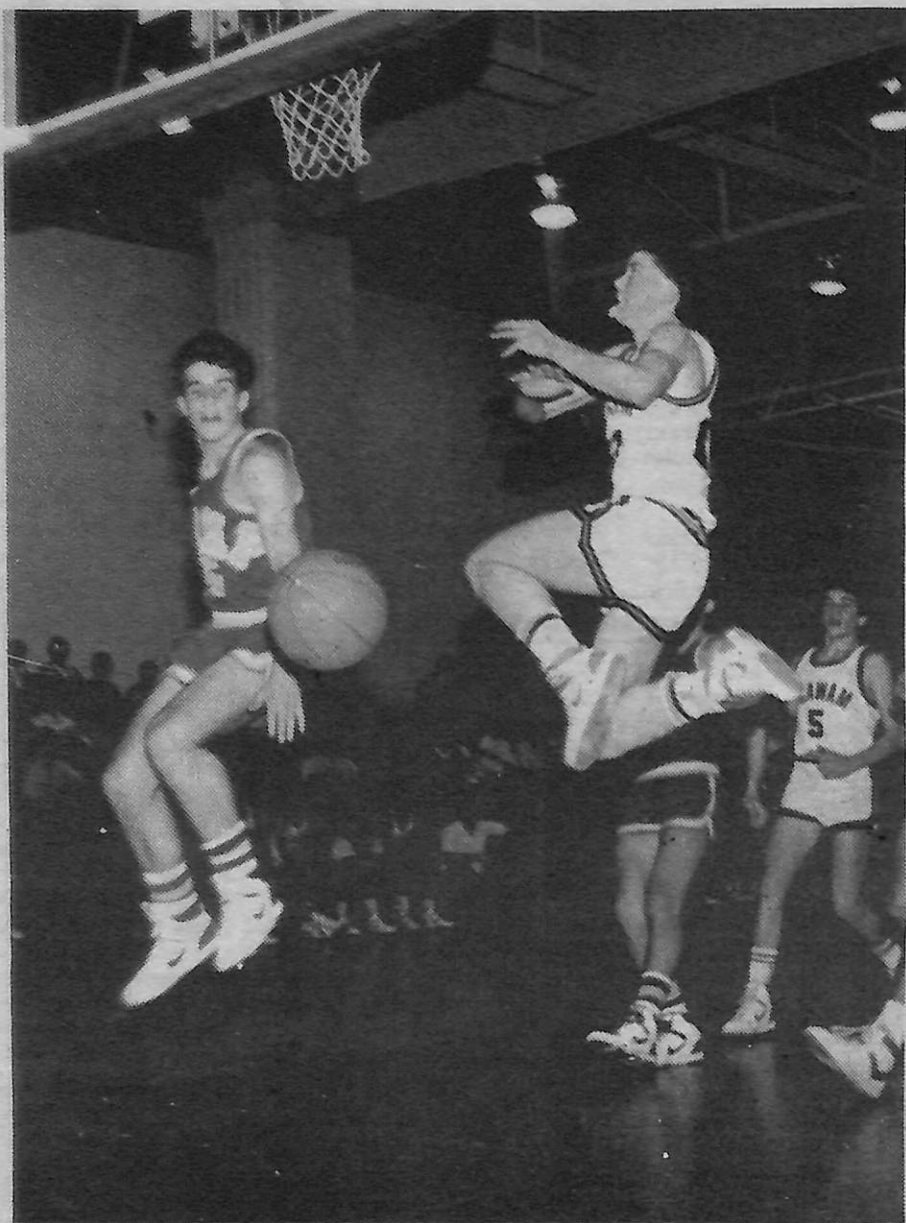
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Brownies Lose Tough One To Comp



SOPHOMORE JASON WOOLEY (right) of the Agawam High School basketball Brownies went strong to the hoop for a layup but the ball was slapped away by a Chicopee Comp defender (right). The Brownies bowed, 60-54. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AHS SENIOR CHRIS OLLARI, who scored 16 points vs. Chicopee Comp in a losing effort last Friday night, weaves through Comp defenders en route to the hoop. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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BOYS' HOOP - From Page 46...

Two foul shots by WS's Tim Connor made it 57-55 (WS) with 37 seconds left, but Reece nailed a clutch 10-footer from the right side to knot the score with only 20 seconds left. Ollari then took an offensive foul to give AHS the ball with 12 seconds left, but the locals never got a shot off in the final seconds. On to overtime.

WS scored OT's first two points on two foul shots to make it 59-57, but Ollari swished a 15-footer to tie it. WS regained the lead on a layup by Norris, but Peterson hit two clutch free throws with 1:19 left to make it 61-61.

Neither side scored in the last minute, but WS had the ball for the final shot in the last few seconds. Norris, a monster off the boards all night, hit the dramatic turnaround, eight-footer for the two-point WS victory.

The Brownies did get the ball at halfcourt. On a nice, set play, their chance to win it outright was a true Hail Mary when Serra's desperation 30-footer fell short.

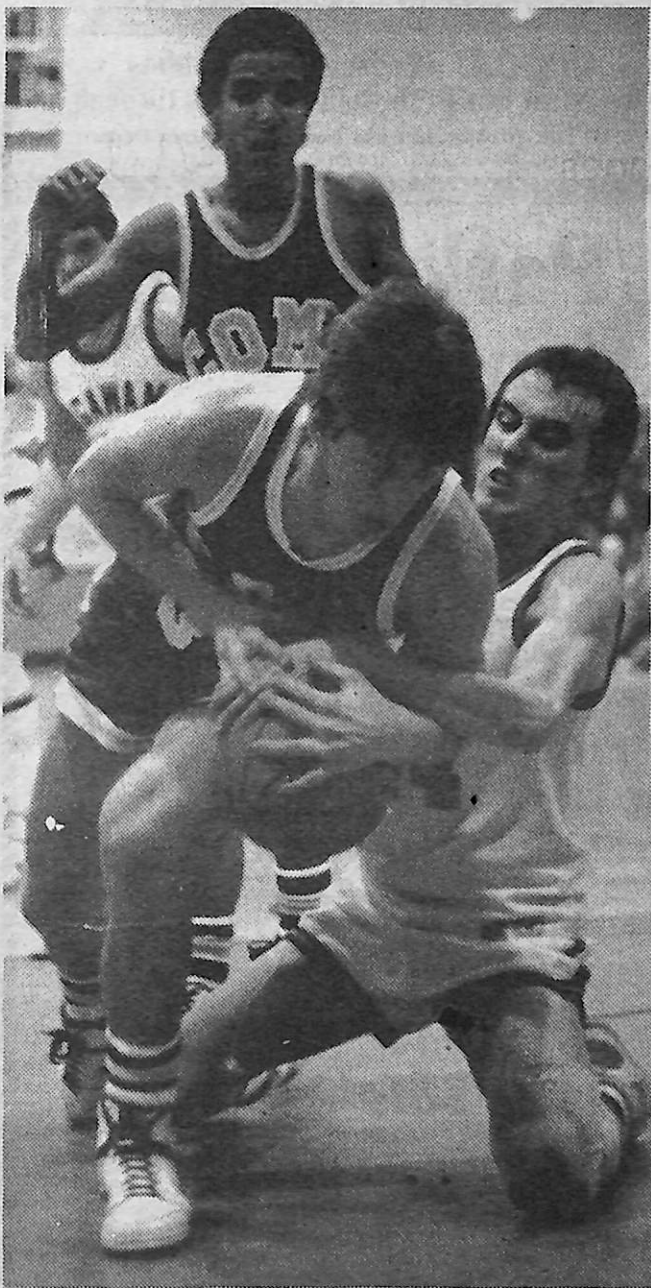
"We played well in spurts but our inconsistency caught up with us," noted Martin. That comment sums it up.

Peterson had 19 points and 7 rebounds to lead the Brownies. Lockwood had 14 points and 5 assists in the game, and Reece snagged seven bounds. WS had four players in double figures, and that balance hurt AHS.

The season finale is Friday, February 26th, vs. Westfield, at AHS.

FASTBREAKS: Last Friday, the locals dropped a tough, 60-54 decision to rival Chicopee Comp in a key VV clash for first place. Comp swept the season series - it was one of the better all-around games of the season before a packed (like sardines) house at the AHS gym. Reece missed this game due to the flu. Peterson had 21 in the loss and Ollari added a 16. In fact, Ollari's acrobatic, 10-foot scoop shot at the end of period three (he also made his foul shot while grinning ear-to-ear) gave the Brownies a 45-42 lead.

However, the Brownies scored only six points in the fourth quarter (all by Ollari, who played an outstanding game) during a horrid dry spell. Lockwood's three-pointed with a few seconds left broke the huge drought...The Brownies will be in the WM Division I Tournament on March 4th - seedings will be announced next week.



AGAWAM HIGH JUNIOR ERICH FOGG fights for a loose ball with a Chicopee Comp player last Friday night at a packed Agawam High School gym. The Colts prevailed over the Brownies for the second time this season, 60-54, to virtually clinch first place in the Valley Wheel. Comp should get the top seed in the Western Mass. Tourney. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

Boys, Llewellyn Impress At WM

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High School boys' swim team had a fine all-around showing as it finished eighth among 17 teams at last weekend's WM Swim Meet held at Springfield College. The girls' team didn't fare as well team-wise, but several fine individual performances highlighted their efforts, including a school record.

The boys' team also had a new school record - it came in the 400 freestyle relay. The team of Brian Shameklis, Shea Charles, Chris Paltz, and Mike Wojcik, who finished sixth overall in the event, came in at 3:36.64 to eclipse the old record of 3:39.40.

"It was really nice for the guys to get that record," noted coach Dave Smith. "They had been gearing towards it all year. As for the meet itself, I thought the guys held their own in just about every event. I was pretty good for us all the way through."

Perhaps the best individual effort was by senior Shea Charles. He placed fifth in the 500 freestyle at 5:26.75, and also finished seventh in the 200 individual medley

at 2:14.84. That's a good day's work.

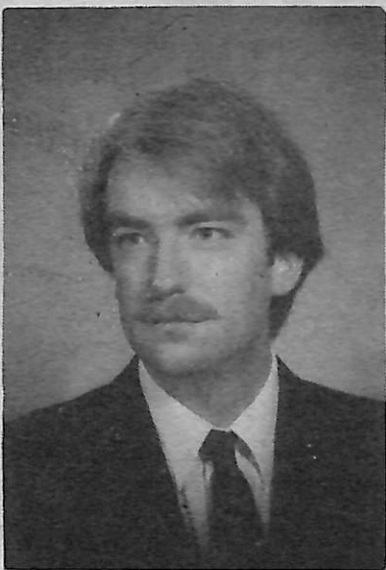
Senior Mike Wojcik finished seventh in the 50 freestyle at 23.77, and he finished seventh in the 100 freestyle at 1:08.69. He placed eighth in the 200 freestyle in 2:00.32. Sophomore Brian Shameklis placed eighth in the 50 free at 23.78 and 11th in the 100 free at 54.10.

In diving, senior Steve Simmons placed 11th overall and 221 total points on 11 dives. Junior Jim Menard finished 12th with 209.10 points.

The boys' team, which was 2-13 this year, will now participate in the State Meet, Friday and Saturday, February 26th and 27th, at Springfield College. Both relay teams will be competing at the meet.

"One of our main goals is to set a new school record in the medley relay," notes Smith. "It would be a nice way to finish-out the season."

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ON SPORTS

by Michael S. Sardella
Sports Editor

For some reason, I just didn't get into the Winter Olympics at all.

Well, with its big win over North Carolina last Sunday on the Tar Heels' home court, Temple proved one thing—they are for real.

The Celtics' Danny Ainge hit 142 three-point shots in his previous six NBA seasons. This year, he's hit almost 100 with about 30 games left.

Poor Dwight Gooden. He'll be receiving a \$100,000 pay cut this year. Now he's making only \$1.4 million a year. What a shame.

As for St. Louis' Vince Coleman, he'll make \$700,000 this year, compared to last year's \$160,000. That's a 337 percent raise. Not bad, huh?

Can't comprehend dept.: Boston superstar Larry Bird suffers a broken nose after a collision with the Nuggets' Blair Rasmussen last week. And Bird gets charged with the foul. Figure that one out.

The media continues to haunt tennis star Jimmy Connors with the question: "Are you going to retire?" (Connors is 35).

Hey, the Detroit Red Wings are quietly leading the Norris Division with the league's fifth-best record.

Okay Red Sox fans. Do you think Jim Rice's knees will hold up this year and give him a chance at a solid year at the plate? Only time will tell.

I think it's safe to say that the Patriots' Irving Fryar is not playing with a full deck of cards.

Maybe I'm just imagining things, but it seems like the University of Massachusetts salutes alumnus Julius Erving every three years or so.

After 61 years, the Globetrotters are still entertaining folks with their flashy and showy brand of basketball.

So, New England has a new number one male tennis player—it's Springfield's Charlie Mahar. He ended Westfield native Val Wilder's two-year reign as N.E.'s best (Wilder dipped to number three in the rankings).

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The snow has been great and the ski season is still full of life. A great way to enjoy winter sports is to prepare your body with some physical conditioning.

Fitness First, of Feeding Hills, will be holding a ski seminar, Monday, February 29th, at 7:45 p.m. The speaker will be Patrick Carley, registered physical therapist.

He will go over important stretching and exercise techniques to prevent ski injuries. The seminar is open to the public and free of charge.

For more information call 786-1460, Fitness First, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

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As for the girls' team, also a 2-13 team this year, it was not an overall successful tournament as most of the girls did not make it past the preliminary round.

One swimmer who did (as expected) was senior Ann Llewellyn, and she made the most of the opportunity. Llewellyn won the 100 backstroke, and in doing so, set a new school record. Her time was 1:05.64 and that mark broke a record she set last year at the WM Meet of 1:06.57. She also placed third in the 200 individual medley.

"It was nice to see Ann finish-out the season in style like that," noted second-year coach Lauren Mahoney. "She has worked very hard all season and it paid off for her in the end."

The only other Agawam girls' swimmer to make it past the prelims was sophomore Katura Allen, who went on to finish 12th in the 200 individual medley a 2:54.24.

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St. Mike's Shocks Tri-Parish Bowlers

Guess who is in first place? St. Michael, that's who. After one week of rolling in Round Three of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League, the lowly cellar-dwellers, St. Michael, swept to four wins, along with St. Louis and Villanova, to set the pace.

Actually, St. Mike's is in third place because of total team pinfall for week one (1367). The big league power this year, St. Louis, also swept to four wins and are in second place. The other real surprise is the four-game sweep by Villanova that propelled them to first place.

After a miserable Round Two and a ragged Round One, Villanova came out of the gate with fire in its eyes. As the bye team in week one, all four rollers hit above or very near their averages - STELLA BARBIERI fired a 309. MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN hit a 275. STEP STEPANIAN (303) and FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO just missed his average with a 292, but his team had more than enough to overcome the "bye-team" jinx that so often hits teams in this league.

Villanova was a playoff team a year ago but have been chumps so far in 1987-88. Can they remove this black and blue in Round Three?

St. Louis sent St. Anselm reeling into last place with a four-game sweep. St. Lou was in high gear as rollers JIM MCNAMEE (289), TOM BURR (272), and captain DEBBIE POIRIER, the league's number one women's roller, rifled a 357 to completely smother poor VI MASSOIA (260), the St. A's captain. The only St. A's winner was leadoff roller AUDREY PHILLIPS (279).

St. Michael's clobbered St. Mary's in a four game sweep. St. Mike's is the celebrated league powerhouse, but what a way to start off a Round. St. Mike's winners were VENETTA SNYDER (292) and JANICE MOCCIO (276). While St. Mary's did have two winners in substitute TONY KOZAK (331) and captain FRED MORASSI (314), the rolling of JOE RESCIGNO (314) and much-maligned captain MIKE O'CONNELL (270) still was not bad enough to put St. Mike's into a hole. Actually, O'Connell didn't have a good night, but the rest of his team did.

Fordham moved into fourth place with three victories over Boston College. Fordham winners included BOB PICKETT (296), ZEKE ZICARD (326), RENEE JURY (back on the beam again with a big 321). Renee broke the previous Triple A High Single with a 135). Then, KATHY PRZESZLO, still subbing for ANN O'CONNELL, the longtime Fordham captain who is recovering from an auto accident, fired a 297 to hold off the advances of BC captain LARRY VIENS.

Loyola, last year's Grand Champions, began their assault on Round Three (to get back into the playoffs) by deflating Notre Dame, three wins to one. Loyola winners included RICK KOZAK (304) and captain STEVE ROVITHIS (307). He beat-up on ND captain JOHN RESCIGNO (287). ND winners were TERRY CERPOVICZ (283) - Terry had a triple spare in one string but could muster no better than a 104; and TOM GEAUGHAN (294).

Holy Cross, in the last match of the night, took-out Georgetown, three wins to one. HC's only winner was CAROLINE COELN (293), but it was by a huge 65 pins. G-Town could not recover. G-Town winners were PAUL LAGODITZ (288), CHERYL PRZESZLO (292), and captain AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO. Al needed much better than a 15-pin victory over HC captain GEORGE LANE.

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ON SPORTS - From Page 49...

That's some divisional race going on between the Calgary Flames and the Edmonton Oilers in the NHL's Smythe Division. And it's been going on all year.

Okay, so the Lakers swept the two-game season series from the Celtics. Big deal.

Although the Montreal Canadiens are one of the top five teams in the NHL, they have the worst power play percentage in the league. They have also allowed the most short-handed goals. Funny, huh?

So everybody says the Detroit Pistons are the toughest team in the NBA. With Rick Mahorn and Bill Laimbeer, you better make that the dirtiest.

Michael Ray Richardson, who was banned for life from the NBA due to reoccurring drug problems, has been playing some fine ball in the CBA. Now the league is contemplating whether or not he can come back. I guess the saying should be "rules are made to be broken" - not records.

Edmonton's Wayne Gretzky tied Gordie Howe for the

all-time lead for career assists last week at 1,049. The only difference is that Gretzky took 678 games to reach the mark - Howe needed 1,767 games.

You can't convince me that archery and luge are "sports."

The Basketball Hall of Fame is a good time. Check it out!

Sportscaster John Deutzman will be leaving WWLP Channel-22 for a job in Florida. The area will undoubtedly miss his sportscasting humor and insight. Best of luck, John!

Last Monday in a win over the Knicks, Larry Bird became the Celtics' second-leading all-time scorer with over 16,900 points. Ahead is only John Havlicek, who netted over 26,000 points. But don't look for Larry Legend to play as many years as Hondo did.

The Bruins better win the Adams Division over the Canadiens. They could use the "home-ice advantage" come playoff time.

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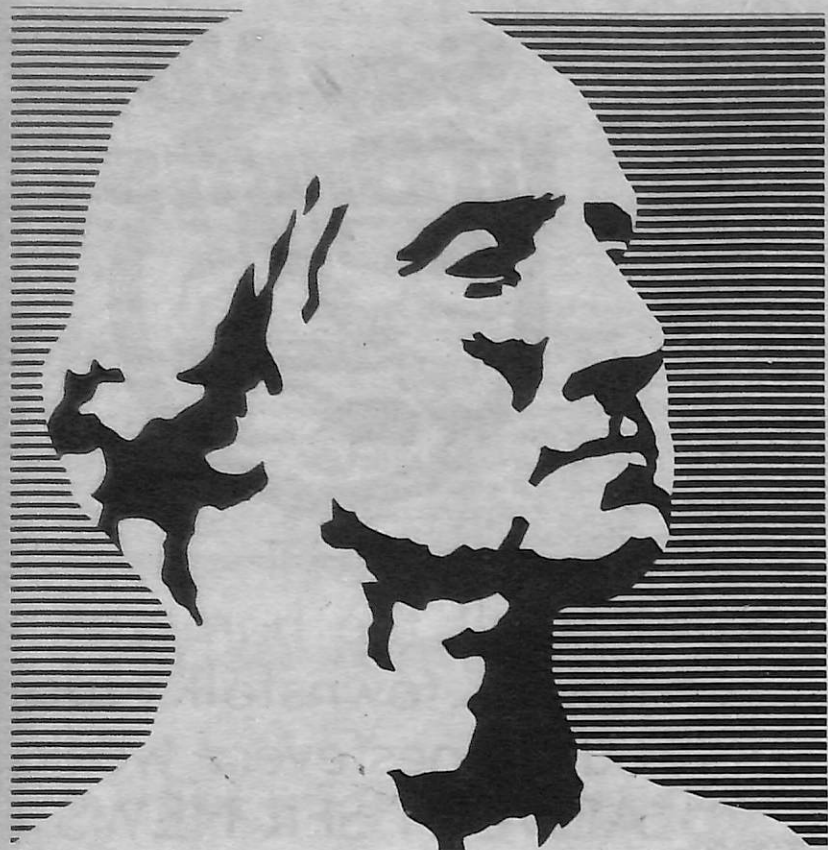
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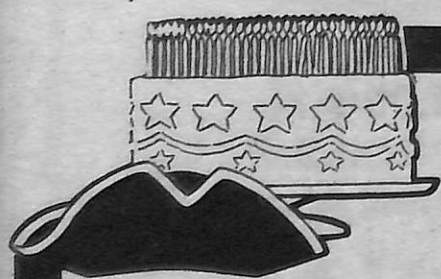
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SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

by Bill Chiba

Interesting Deer Stats

Paul Herig, deer biologist for the State of Connecticut, is doing something right. His deer program should be used as a model by other states that are having problems. Under his program, it is possible for a hunter to harvest seven deer in one season. What is more astounding is the deer herd is increasing, and the deer season kill totals have increased each year.

Hunters took a total of 6,456 deer in the 1987 season. Even though archers and landowners are still sending mail-in reports, this preliminary tally represents at least a 20 percent increase over the 1986 harvest and stands as an all-time state record. The breakdown by sex shows that 3,604 bucks and 2,852 does were taken during the combined archery, muzzleloader, and shotgun deer hunting seasons.

By comparison, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont reported harvests of 5,572, 6,121, and 8,985, respectively. Despite reports of a slight decrease in the number of people hunting nationwide, Connecticut's License and Revenue Unit issued a record 41,509 deer permits in 1987, an eight percent increase over 1986.

The 1987 season marked the first time in Connecticut that an "anterless deer only" tag was designated for one of the two tags in the private land and statewide permit system. This change was implemented to

stem continued herd growth and maintain compatibility between deer and human land-use practices.

The department is enthused over how well the tag system worked. Archers dropped the ratio of males per females from 1.9 in 1986, to 1.2 in 1987. Landowners' season ratios also fell—from 2.9 males to 1.8 males per female. Anterless tags will be issued for the 1988 deer season as well.

The good physical condition of Connecticut's deer herd at this time is testimony to the positive impact of regulated hunting. It is important to note, however, that less than 50 percent of the deer range in Connecticut is currently being hunted.

As a consequence, the potential for continued herd growth and an associated increase in deer/human conflicts remains very high.

Paid Fishing/Boating On Lake George

An amendment was attached at the last minute to Article 43 of the Environmental Conservation law that was passed and now is law. It allows the Lake George Park Commission to levy some substantial usage fees for using Lake George.

Some of the fees are as follows: those with a mechanically powered boat or vessels with 10 horsepower or more, and any non-mechanically propelled boat 18 feet or more in length, will also need a permit.

Boats 20 feet or less will pay \$20 per year; 21-25 feet will pay \$25; over 25 feet will pay \$25, plus \$5 per foot for each foot over 25; if your boat is over 25 feet and outfitted for overnight use, your luxury tax will be \$25, plus \$20 per foot over \$25.

As a gesture of what I call "good will," the new law established a one-day use permit of \$5 for any mechanically propelled boat with less than 25 horsepower.



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Riverside Speedway Gearing-Up

Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam is set to open its season of NASCAR Winston Racing action with the Modifieds, Pros, and Streets, Saturday, March 26th, at 6:30 p.m. After months of preparation, the quarter-mile paved facility will be ready as the opener is scheduled as one of the first premiere events in the New England marketplace. The event, called the "EAGLE SNACKS 100," will be sponsored by Anheuser-Busch and Williams Distributing, through the Eagle Snacks food line.

The activities will begin when the gates open at 12:30 p.m., with a special opening day practice at 1:00 p.m. The regular NASCAR program will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the gates opening at 5:00 p.m. Admission will be just \$8.99 for adults. Kids, eight years and under are only \$2. Pit fees are just \$9 for all NASCAR members. Owners and drivers are admitted free if they are Owners and Drivers' Club members.

First in the action-packed 100 lap Modified event will pay \$1,700; second will pay \$1,150; third, \$950; fourth, \$700; and fifth, \$600. Any car starting the

feature event will receive at least \$250. In addition to this, the speedway will distribute through the Eagle Snacks representatives, \$1,000 in cash Bonus Money.

Expected drivers in attendance will be Tom Baldwin, Bruce D'Alessandro, Mike McLaughlin, Mike Stefanik, John Rosati, SJ Evonsion, Reggie Ruggiero, Stan Greger, and several others. New visitors expected at the park in 1988 are Ed Flemke, Jr., Tony Siscione, and Rick Fuller.

Also featured in the Eagle Snacks program are the Street Stocks. This will be the first event for the Streets. First place for the Streets will pay, \$300; second, \$200; third, \$160; fourth, \$145; and fifth, \$135. Any car starting the feature will receive at least \$50. The Streets will also share the Bonus Money.

The Pro Stocks will pay first place, \$650; second, \$450; third, \$325; fourth, \$275; and fifth, \$225. Any Pro starting a feature will receive \$100.

Don't be left out of the action. Visit Riverside Park Speedway for the March 26th opener, featuring the "EAGLE SNACKS 100."

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Cedar Brook Farms Becoming Haven For Cross Country Skiers

by Joan Lussier
Advertiser News Staff

Suffield: **Cedar Brook Farms**, Ratley Road, West Suffield, once a working dairy farm, now is a recreational haven by providing 6.2 miles of daily groomed, picturesque, novice trails, for the cross-country skier.

In its 11th season, owners Barbara & Stanley Falkowski offer complete ski rentals, sell new and used equipment, provide lessons, and trail maps. The Falkowskis even have a warm-up hut that welcomes you back after skiing.

Upon arriving at Cedar Brook Farms, skiers must sign-in at the warming hut. (This is to make sure that all skiers safely return). Then, the skiers must pay for the trail fees: \$12 per person includes skis, boots, poles, and trails for the day. After 2:00 p.m., the cost drops to \$9 per person. Those skiers having their own equipment pay \$6 per person on weekends and holidays, and \$5 per person weekdays.

Lessons are also provided—\$12 for a private lesson; two, three, or four people, \$10 per person; and a group of five or more, \$8 per person.

After leaving the warming hut, skiers begin their scenic journey on 200 acres of small hills and flat surfaces, all through open and wooded areas.

Cross country skiing is a physical workout because the motion is a cross between walking and skating, and takes plenty of effort, especially going uphill.

The skis are longer than downhill skis. The poles are measured from under the armpit, which makes them taller than downhill poles. Rather than boots that make



CEDAR BROOK FARMS in West Suffield is now a recreational haven for area cross country skiing. There are 6.2 miles of daily groomed, picturesque, novice trails. Above, the "warming hut" provides a place to rest weary bones after a day on the course. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

you feel like you just stepped off a spaceship, cross country boots are more like shoes, and the bindings hold the toe area in, allowing your heel to move. Downhill bindings hold the entire boot securely.

The recommended clothing is simply to dress in layers. In that way, one layer of clothing may be shed when you get warm. A hat is essential to hold in your body heat.

Cedar Brook Farms is family operated, and the Falkowski's daughters, Jill & Joy, give lessons. The atmosphere is very warm and welcoming, and they make everyone feel like family.

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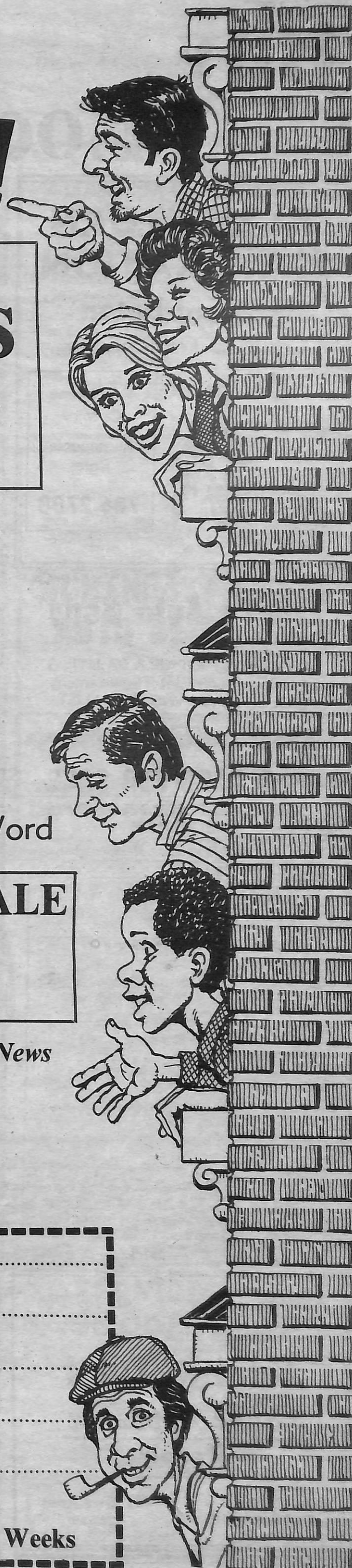
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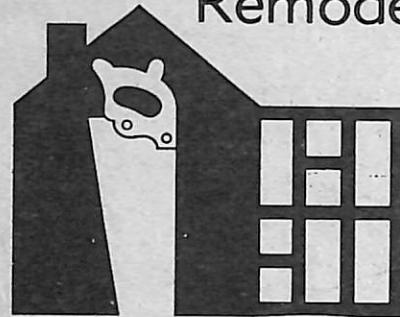
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Holy Spirit, You who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal. You, who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and You, who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones. Persons must say the prayer three consecutive days without seeking your wish. After third day wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this dialogue as soon as this favor is granted. I will never stop trusting in God and His power.

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